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5. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the floor.
6. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.
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9. If the question before the Conference be capable of division, upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.
10. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with open doors, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.
11. Any question may be reconsidered on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.
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13. Each Committee of the Conference shall choose its own chairman, unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.
14. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without leave of absence.
15. In all practicable cases, where charges are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.
16. No member of Conference shall be subject to arrest of character without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.
17. The vote on any question shall be taken by ayes and noes, upon the call of fifteen members.
18. The roll of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.
19. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the official record of its proceedings.
20. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the previous question or to move to lay the same on the table.

II.

PROCEEDINGS.

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

URBANA, O., September 2, 1891.

O**PENING.**—The Cincinnati Annual Conference met in the First Church, Urbana, O., for its fortieth session, Wednesday, September 2, 1891, at 9 A. M. Bishop R. S. Foster, D. D., LL. D., called the Conference to order, and announced that Wm. Herr would preside during the opening exercises.

By request of the Conference at its last year's session, Thos. H. Pearne, D. D., preached a semi-centennial sermon. F. G. Mitchell, A. Lowrey, M. Dustin, Wm. L. Hypes, and W. H. Sutherland assisted in the devotional services.

The Bishop then took the chair and made remarks concerning the Conference which he attended in this Church fifty years ago.

Roll-call.—The roll was called by the Secretary of last year's session, and one hundred and thirty-one members answered to their names.

Secretaries.—On motion of F. G. Mitchell, Stanley O. Royal was re-elected Secretary by acclamation, and named as his assistants, Valorous F. Brown, Heber D. Ketcham, and I. C. Page, the latter to have charge of railroad certificates.

On motion of John Pearson, George S. Easton was elected Statistical Secretary, with the privilege of nominating his assistants.

Treasurer—E. T. Wells was, upon motion of A. B. Leonard, elected Conference Treasurer, and granted the privilege of naming his assistants.

Standing Committees.—The list of Standing Committees as nominated last year was read ; a number of changes were made, and they were constituted as follows :

American Bible Society.—A. U. Beall, C. H. Kalbfus, W. I. Fee, F. W. Hypes, D. A. McColm, J. W. Gaddis, E. H. Cherington.

Conference Stewards.—J. H. Lease, W. B. Moler, J. Verity, F. M. Clemans, S. B. Smith, J. S. Pumphrey, Thomas Collett, R. K. Deem, Marion LeSourd.

Church Extension.—J. P. Shultz, J. L. Dalbey, J. J. McCabe, J. R. Shannon, John Vance, S. B. Ricketts.

Divorce.—T. H. Pearne, L. F. Van Cleve, A. Lowrey, George K. Morris, C. H. Payne.

Education.—C. H. Payne, L. F. Van Cleve, G. K. Morris, J. P. Porter, J. A. Story, J. W. Peters, J. F. Marlay, T. H. Pearne, L. D. McCabe, J. W. Bashford, M. J. Cramer, D. J. Starr.

Finance.—W. J. Baker, J. T. Bail, J. G. Vaughan, J. S. Whitney, G. M. Fulton, A. T. Cowgill, H. A. M. Henderson.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.—S. Weeks, C. W. Barnes, J. F. Loyd, M. E. Ketcham, W. P. Jackson, J. H. Middleton, G. L. Tufts.

Missions.—D. W. Clark, J. E. H. Sentman, D. C. Vance, Creighton Wones, Jas. L. Glascock, D. L. Aultman, J. L. Shively.

Mormonism.—H. A. M. Henderson, W. K. Brown, Henry Witham, A. Hamilton, J. Murray, W. Q. Shannon, G. W. Kelley.

New York Book Accounts.—E. S. Gaddis.

Parsonages.—M. M. Kugler, C. T. Crum, J. Wilson, E. P. James, C. Hartley, W. R. Dudley, J. W. Hickman, I. C. Page.

Periodical and Book Concern Account.—J. W. Cassatt, H. C. Weakley, M. Dustin, C. R. Brown, J. R. Hunter, T. Cundy, E. T. Lane.

Peace.—James Stephenson, O. M. Sellers, R. G. Easley, Frank Leever, L. M. Davis, S. W. Campbell, Henry Miller.

Postmaster.—D. W. C. Washburn.

Public Worship.—S. A. Keen, F. G. Mitchell, J. P. Porter, S. O. Royal.

Publication of Minutes.—Secretaries, Treasurer, and John Pearson.

Qualifications for Admission on Trial.—J. G. Black, A. Lowrey, W. N. Williams, S. W. Carey, M. Kauffman, Wesley Webster, R. E. Smith.

Sabbath Observance.—L. D. McCabe, J. F. Conrey, W. C. Helt, W. G. Warner, C. L. Conger, T. Wones, J. W. Bashford.

Sunday-school Cause.—A. N. Spahr, C. H. Haines, F. M. Kirgan, C. J. Wells, C. W. Briggs, H. Hershey.

Tract Cause.—S. A. Keen, J. A. White, J. F. Laird, O. D. Becker, A. B. Austin, W. L. Hypes.

Temperance.—G. W. Dubois, W. Macafee, E. McHugh, H. D. Ketcham, C. W. Gullett, W. H. Sutherland, C. D. Munsey.

To Audit Publishing Committee's Accounts.—T. S. Cowden, J. A. Easton, J. F. McColm, A. M. Griffith.

To Nominate Standing Committees.—J. McK. Shultz, E. Burdsall, L. O. Deputy, H. C. Middleton, R. S. Rust, B. D. Hypes.

Assistant Treasurers.—On nomination of E. T. Wells, C. W. Elliott and O. M. Sellers were elected assistant Treasurers.

Memoirs.—On motion of J. F. Marlay, the following were constituted the Committee on Memoirs: For Thomas Lee, J. F. Marlay; Wm. Runyan for Mrs. Geo. T. Weaver; G. W. Dubois for Mrs. T. A. G. Phillips; Jas. L. Glascock and S. D. Clayton for Mrs. Asa Stroud; and G. L. Austin for Mrs. Jas. Austin.

Lakeside.—On motion of John Pearson, the following persons were appointed a Committee on Lakeside: J. F. Marlay, T. H. Pearne, H. C. Weakley, W. R. Warnock, Wm. Gamble, and J. W. Peters.

Rules of Order.—On motion of D. J. Starr, the Rules of Order of the last annual session were adopted.

Time of Session.—A. U. Beall moved, and the motion prevailed, fixing the hours of 8.30 and 11.45 as the time for the opening and adjournment of the sessions, the first half hour to be devoted to religious exercises.

Afternoon Session Ordered.—On motion of T. H. Pearne, an afternoon session was ordered for the reception of statistics and reports of benevolent collections.

Fraternal Greetings.—D. J. Starr announced that the Miami Conference of the United Brethren Church was in session at Springfield, and moved that a committee be appointed to bear fraternal greetings. The motion prevailed, and D. J. Starr and A. B. Leonard were elected.

Assistant Secretaries.—Geo. S. Easton, the Statistical Secretary, nominated as his assistants, C. M. Van Pelt and J. R. Hill, and they were elected.

Bar.—By motion of John Pearson, the east side of the third window was designated as the bar of the Conference.

Eligibility of Women.—A paper respecting the vote on the Admission of Women to the General Conference was presented by A. U. Beall as follows:

WHEREAS, The General Conference, at its last session, after a thorough discussion on the legality of admitting women to a seat in that body, refused, in a vote by orders, in which a change of one vote with the laymen would have changed the result; and

WHEREAS, That General Conference ordered the following amendment, known as the T. B. Neely Amendment, to be submitted to a

vote of the Annual Conferences, to-wit: That we submit to the Annual Conferences this proposition to amend the Second Restrictive Rule, by adding the words, "and said delegates may be men or women," after the words, "two lay delegates for an Annual Conference," so that it will read, "nor more than two lay delegates for an Annual Conference, and said delegates may be men or women;" and

WHEREAS, The Committee on the State of the Church of said General Conference, to whom was committed the arrangement for the taking of the vote, and also certain memorials requesting that the same subject be submitted to a vote of the laity, did, on May 21st, present a report, which was adopted May 30th,—

By this report the following question was submitted to a vote of the membership of the Church: "Shall women be eligible as lay delegates to the Lay Electoral and General Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church?" which was adopted May 30th. But the same report complicated matters by saying: "The same proposition shall be submitted by the Bishops to all the Annual Conferences held in 1891," and made no arrangement for the submission of the Neely Amendment,—and

WHEREAS, The Board of Bishops, at their semi-annual meeting in May last, in Greencastle, Indiana, did resolve to present the Neely Amendment free from all legal connection with the question of the admissibility of women to the Lay Electoral Conference; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That as a Conference we heartily commend this action of the Board of Bishops.

Resolved, 2. That Thursday, September 3d, at 10.30 A. M., be, and the same is hereby, made the time for taking said vote on the Neely Amendment.

Resolved, 3. That said vote be by ballot, and that said ballots be in exact language of said amendment, and that the Secretary of this body be, and is hereby, authorized to have said ballots printed at the expense of this body.

Resolved, 4. That any member of the Conference absent when the vote is taken, by stating said fact in open Conference, be permitted to deposit his vote.

A. U. BEALL,

JOHN PEARSON.

The Bishop announced that he had papers on the same subject to present; and, on motion of A. U. Beall, the subject was made the order of the day at the beginning of the morning session, Thursday.

J. F. Conrey moved that the paper be referred to a Committee of three, which motion was tabled by a count vote of 65 to 54.

Papers Presented.—The Bishop presented various papers, which were referred to the respective committees without motion.

Deaconess Home.—On motion of F. G. Mitchell, a Special Committee was appointed on Deaconess Work and Christ's Hospital; namely, J. G. Vaughan, J. W. Peters, E. Burdsall, S. B. Smith, and C. W. Barnes.

Epworth League.—Wm. Runyan moved, and the motion prevailed, that a Committee of one from each district be appointed on Epworth League, and it was constituted as follows: E. S. Lewis, C. H. Haines, J. L. Shively, D. D. Cheney, M. E. Ketcham, and H. D. Ketcham.

The Bishop appointed W. I. Fee to conduct the devotional services Thursday morning, and W. L. Hypes to preside at the afternoon session. Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the session closed with the benediction by A. Lowrey.

AFTERNOON.

At two o'clock the afternoon session was called to order by W. L. Hypes, and the devotional exercises were conducted by M. Kauffman.

That part of the morning Journal providing for this session was read by V. F. Brown.

On motion of T. H. Pearne, the list of charges was called for the reception of statistical reports and benevolent collections, and one hundred and twelve charges were reported by their pastors.

The session closed with the benediction by W. I. Fee.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, September 3, 1891.

OPENING Services.—Conference re-assembled at 8.30 o'clock, Bishop Foster in the chair, and W. I. Fee conducted the devotional services.

Journal.—The Minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

Bishop Walden.—The Secretary read a cable message of fraternal greetings from Bishop Walden, dated Brussels, September 2, 1891. (See Papers and Correspondence.)

Roll-call.—The roll of absentees was called, and eighteen additional members responded.

The Bishop briefly addressed the Conference respecting the importance of the business in hand.

Bishop Joyce.—Bishop Joyce was introduced to the Conference.

Order of the Day.—The order of the day was taken up, namely, the paper respecting the manner and time of taking the vote on the Neely Amendment, and John Pearson explained to the Conference the origin of the paper. After further discussion of the matter, the paper was laid upon the table, upon motion of R. K. Deem.

The following propositions, submitted by Bishop Foster, were then taken up:

I. "Shall women be eligible as lay delegates to the Electoral and General Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church?"

II. To amend the Second Restrictive Rule by inserting the words, "and said delegates may be men or women."

III. The proposition of the Philadelphia Conference to alter the Second Restrictive Rule as follows:

"§2. The General Conference shall be composed of ministerial and lay delegates, who shall always deliberate and vote as one body, and never as separate orders. There shall be as many lay delegates for an Annual Conference as there are ministerial; but the General Conference shall not allow of more than one ministerial representative for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference, nor of a less number than one for every forty-five: *Provided*, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two-thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction; and *provided*, also, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one ministerial and of one lay delegate."

J. F. Marlay moved that the vote be taken without debate, and by ballot.

L. Clark called for a division of the question, and the motion prevailed to take the vote by ballot, and also to vote without debate.

On motion of L. Clark, the form of ballot for the first proposition was fixed as "yes" or "no."

The chair appointed as tellers D. L. Aultman, A. D. Maddox, H. C. Weakley, and Henry Witham.

The vote was then taken upon the first proposition, with the following result:

Whole number of votes cast.....	153
"Yes".....	96
"No".....	57

The following additional tellers were appointed: A. Hamilton, J. L. Glascock, Wm. Macafee, and C. W. Barnes, and the Conference proceeded to vote upon the second proposition, with the following result:

Whole number of votes cast.....	153
"For the amendment".....	100
"Against the amendment".....	53

The third proposition was taken up. On motion of A. B. Leonard, the action dispensing with debate was reconsidered, and, on motion of John Pearson, was laid upon the table.

The form of ballots on the third proposition was fixed as "concur," or "non-concur."

The following were appointed tellers: C. T. Crum, J. G. Vaughan, M. M. Kugler, and J. E. Abrams; and the vote on the third proposition was taken, with the following result:

Whole number of votes cast.....	150
"Concur".....	29
"Non-concur".....	119
Blanks	2

T. H. Pearne's Sermon.—The following paper was presented by J. F. Marlay, and adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That having listened with great delight and satisfaction to the semi-centennial sermon of Rev. Thos. H. Pearne, D. D., at the opening of the present session of our Conference, we do earnestly request its publication, in pamphlet form, as a part of the permanent historical literature of the Church.

WM. HERR,
J. F. MARLAY.

Dr. Pearne expressed his appreciation of this vote, and announced that he had the sermon now in print, and would take pleasure in presenting a copy to each member of the Conference.

Delegates Instructed.—M. Dustin presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That our delegates to the ensuing General Conference be, and are hereby, instructed to oppose any action by that body that shall discriminate between the privileges of men and those of women in the Church of God.

M. DUSTIN,
JAS. MURRAY.

A. D. Maddox offered as a substitute that the delegates go uninstructed.

M. Dustin moved to lay the substitute on the table, which was lost by a count vote of 49 to 75.

During the discussion of the substitute the time of the session was extended. The substitute was lost by a count vote of 70 to 74.

The original resolution of M. Dustin was then adopted by a count vote of 81 to 59.

Announcements were made, W. H. Sutherland was appointed to conduct the devotions to-morrow morning, and the session adjourned, with the benediction by Dr. F. Merrick.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 4, 1891.

OPENING SERVICES.—At 8.30 o'clock the Conference met, with Bishop Foster in the chair, and the opening exercises were conducted by W. H. Sutherland.

Journal Read.—The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

Equal Lay Representation.—The following paper, presented by C. H. Payne, was adopted:

This Conference having last year voted affirmatively on the question of equal lay representation in the General Conference, by a vote of 87 for to 16 against, we do not wish to be misunderstood by our vote on the Philadelphia Conference proposition. We are still in favor of equal representation, but are opposed to that part of the proposition which would abolish the existing privilege in the General Conference of a vote by separate orders.

C. H. PAYNE,
JNO. PEARSON.

Statistics.—The Statistical Secretary read the list of charges whose reports were incomplete or incorrect.

W. J. Baker moved that the Treasurer be instructed that all moneys not provided for in the statistical blanks be placed under the column of "other collections." The motion prevailed.

Sabbath Observance, World's Fair.—A. U. Beall reported, from the Commission appointed at last session, concerning the Columbian Exposition, reading the correspondence on the subject. (See Papers and Correspondence.)

On motion of L. F. Van Cleve, the Conference approved the action of the Commission, ordered the expenses paid from the Conference Funds, and the Commission was continued.

Election.—By general consent, the election of delegates was made the order of the day immediately after the admission of probationers into full connection.

Introductions.—The following visitors were introduced: D. H. Moore, D. D., editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*; John Miley, D. D., professor in Drew Theological Seminary; T. H. Bradrick, W. F. Filler, and J. E. Sowers, of the Ohio Conference.

Stewards.—The Board of Stewards read the preliminary report.

Treasurer.—E. T. Wells, Treasurer, read the list of charges returning incorrect reports.

Twentieth Question.—The Twentieth Question, "*Was the Character of each Preacher examined?*" was taken up. The names of the traveling elders in the Cincinnati District were called. J. Pearson, presiding elder, was called, and his character passed.

On motion of S. B. Smith, those in charge were directed to report the amounts apportioned to their charges for missions and for Conference claimants, as well as the amounts received.

The following names were called, their characters passed, and those in charge reported their collections: Geo. S. Easton, J. W. Peters, A. U. Beall, M. Le Sourd, D. W. C. Washburn, A. Hamilton, John J. McCabe, J. H. Lease, J. F. Loyd, J. Verity, George K. Morris, H. A. M. Henderson, G. W. Kelley, E. S. Lewis, J. W. Hickman, S. Weeks, A. B. Austin, J. A. Story, F. M. Kirgan, John A. Easton, M. M. Kugler, R. S. Rust, W. K. Brown, A. Lowrey, C. H. Payne, D. L. Aultman, H. C. Weakley, J. W. Bashford, J. W. Shorten, A. D. Maddox, S. A. Keen, and Jas. Stephenson.

S. A. Keen requested a supernumerary relation, with the purpose of entering evangelistic work, and the request was granted.

The following resolution was offered by A. U. Beall, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That we order a Committee of five to express our respect for our dear Dr. Keen, and our approval of his purpose to commit himself fully to evangelistic work.

On motion of John Pearson, the following persons were appointed the Committee: Geo. K. Morris, A. U. Beall, J. F. Marlay, W. I. Fee, and R. S. Rust.

Bishop Foster.—The following paper was offered by A. Lowrey, and adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

WHEREAS, Randolph S. Foster, our present presiding Bishop, began, and for several years continued, his ministry within our bounds, though then embracing the wider territory of the Ohio Conference; and

WHEREAS, The precarious condition of his health, and his obligations to other Conferences, render it probable that he may not meet us again, it seems proper that we should make a somewhat unusual expression of fraternal regard; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we take pleasure in claiming Bishop Foster as peculiarly our Bishop.

Resolved, 2. That we congratulate him, and ourselves and the

Church, on the long course of distinguished usefulness which he, in various relations, has given to our Church.

Resolved, 3. That we devoutly thank God, not only for his work, but for the sanctity of character and spotless life which he, by divine grace, has maintained, and is now transmitting, as his last and richest largess, to our ministry and people.

Resolved, 4. That should many or few years be allotted to Bishop Foster hereafter, we will cherish the memory of his early ministry among us, and feel ourselves honored by its brilliant sequel, and therefore will hail his coming to our sessions and homes at any time.

A. LOWREY,	R. S. RUST,
M. DUSTIN,	J. L. GROVER,
WM. HERR,	J. F. CONREY,
W. H. SUTHERLAND,	L. F. VAN CLEVE,
THOS. H. PEARNE,	M. KAUFFMAN.

The Bishop responded with much feeling respecting his associations with the Conference.

Lay Electoral Conference.—D. J. Starr offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Cincinnati Lay Electoral Conference is now in session in this city; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the Cincinnati Conference invite the Lay Electoral Conference to visit the Cincinnati Conference in a body at such time as may be found practicable.

Resolved, 2. That a Committee of three be appointed to bear the greetings of the Cincinnati Conference to the Lay Electoral Conference, and to arrange for such meeting.

Resolved, 3. That we respectfully request Bishop Foster to make such remarks upon the occasion of this joint meeting as he may think proper to do.

D. J. STARR,
SYLVESTER WEEKS,
A. B. LEONARD.

The following were appointed as the Committee: D. J. Starr, J. T. Bail, and T. H. Pearne.

Fifth Question.—The Fifth Question, "*Who are admitted into Full Connection?*" was taken up.

Chas. R. Brown, James W. Magruder, Paul C. Curnick, Reuben S. McColm, and James E. Abrams were called forward and addressed by the Bishop. They made their reports, were represented by their presiding elders and by the Examining Committee, and were admitted into full connection.

At the close of the Bishop's address, upon motion, the time was extended.

Transfers.—The Bishop announced the transfer of R. H. Rust from the Detroit to the Cincinnati Conference, and of A. H. Lucas from the Colorado Conference, and they were introduced.

Election of Delegates.—The order of the day was taken up; namely, the election of delegates to the General Conference.

Concerning the form of the ballot, it was directed that in case more than four persons received a majority of all the votes cast, the four having the largest vote be declared the delegates.

It was also directed that ballots containing less than four names be thrown out.

The following tellers were appointed: S. Weeks, D. C. Vance, D. W. Clark, J. T. Bail.

On motion of J. P. Porter, the tellers were directed to receive the votes of the members of the classes now being examined, together with the examiners.

The tellers were instructed to make the *first* announcement of the results of the election in open Conference. They were also directed to preserve the ballots until the vote was announced.

The vote was then taken, and the tellers retired.

Afternoon Session.—By vote, it was decided to hold an afternoon session at 2 o'clock.

Lay Conference.—The Committee appointed to visit the Lay Electoral Conference returned, and reported that it would be the pleasure of that body to visit us at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon.

The hour named was selected as the time for receiving the Lay Conference, and Bishop Foster was requested to address them in the name of this Conference. A. Lowrey was appointed to conduct the devotions this afternoon. Announcements were made. Dr. A. J. Kynett was introduced, and pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON.

CONFERENCE reassembled at 2 o'clock, with Bishop Foster in the chair.

The devotional services were conducted by A. Lowrey.

Election.—The result of the first ballot for delegates to the General Conference was announced as follows:

Whole number of votes cast.....	163
Necessary to a choice.....	82

Of these, A. B. Leonard received 108; Chas. H. Payne, 87; John Pearson, 83, and were declared elected.

Others received votes as follows: Thos. H. Pearne, 49; H. C. Weakley, 39; J. P. Porter, 38; F. G. Mitchell, Wm. Runyan, and J. W. Bashford, 35 each; and Adam Bowers, 22. Lucien Clark, R. S. Rust, G. K. Morris, J. F. Marlay, J. M. Mason, E. T. Wells, Geo. H. Dart, W. L. Hypes, J. W. Cassatt, A. N. Spahr, L. F. Van Cleve, S. O. Royal, A. U. Beall, D. W. Clark, S. A. Keen, A. Lowrey, J. F. Conrey, S. Weeks, W. H. Sutherland, H. A. M. Henderson, John A. Story, M. Dustin, R. H. Rust, Thos. Collett, F. M. Clemans, L. D. McCabe, W. K. Brown, and H. C. Middleton were also voted for.

In the absence of W. H. Sutherland, D. C. Vance was appointed teller, and the ballot was cast for the remaining delegate.

Boston School of Theology.—Prof. Marcus A. Buell, of Boston Theological School, was introduced, and addressed the Conference with reference to ministerial education.

Lay Conference.—The Lay Electoral Conference having arrived, were given seats within the bar of the Conference, and Judge W. R. Warnock, the president of the body, delivered an eloquent address of greeting.

Bishop Foster replied in the name of the Conference, after which the laymen withdrew to complete their business.

Third Ballot.—The second ballot having resulted in no election, a third was taken.

Drafts Ordered.—The Bishop announced that the Treasurer of the Conference was authorized to draw upon the Book Concern for the sum of sixteen hundred and twenty dollars (\$1,620), and upon the Chartered Fund for thirty dollars (\$30) for Conference claimants, and the drafts were ordered.

Periodicals.—A. J. Kynett, D. D., Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced, and presented the interests of the periodical, *Christianity in Earnest*.

D. H. Moore, D. D., editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, was introduced, and briefly represented the work of that periodical.

J. W. Gaddis was appointed to secure subscribers for the *Methodist Review*.

A. Lowrey spoke of the *Divine Life*, the publication of which he

is the editor ; and, upon motion of L. F. Van Cleve, the action of last year was readopted, as follows :

WHEREAS, We deem the monthly issued in New York, called *Divine Life*, and edited by Rev. Asbury Lowrey, D. D., assisted by Rev. Daniel Steele, D. D., a most valuable periodical, and published in the interest of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as well as also subserving the spiritual welfare of thousands not of our communion ; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we cordially ask the Bishop presiding to appoint Rev. A. Lowrey editor of the *Divine Life and Bible Expositor*.

2. *Resolved*, That we pledge our earnest sympathies, prayers, and support to our brother in his very responsible and useful position.

• **Church Property.**—A. Bowers presented the following papers from the Committee on the Sale of Church Property in Troy, O. :

To the Cincinnati Conference :

DEAR BRETHREN,—We, the agents appointed by you at your last session in regard to a part of the money arising from the sale of the McKaig Avenue Church in Troy, Miami County, Ohio—viz., that loaned to the trustees of our Church at Covington, O., and to the trustees of our Church at Pleasant Hill, Miami County, Ohio—beg leave to report that your instructions have been fully carried out, and now turn over the mortgages and the notes of the trustees.

A. BOWERS,
J. L. DALBEY.

To the Cincinnati Conference :

DEAR BRETHREN,—We, the agents appointed by you at your last session, in regard to a part of the money arising from the sale of the McKaig Avenue Church in Troy, Miami County, O.—viz., that loaned to the trustees of our Church property in Casstown, O.—beg leave to report that your instructions have been fully carried out, and now turn over the mortgage and the notes of the trustees.

A. BOWERS,
WILLIAM M. WEST.

Journal.—The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Election.—The third ballot having secured no election, a fourth was taken, which resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes.....	149
Necessary to a choice.....	75

T. H. Pearne having received 78 votes, was declared elected. H. C. Weakley received 42, and Wm. Runyan 22.

Reserve Delegates.—A ballot was taken for two reserve delegates, the tellers instructed to count and withhold the result until to-morrow's session.

The Bishop appointed his former classmate, J. Ford Conrey, to lead the devotions to-morrow morning.

Announcements were made, and the session adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop Joyce.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 5, 1891.

CONFERENCE opened at 8.30 A. M., Bishop Foster in the chair. By appointment of the Bishop, J. Ford Conrey conducted the half hour's devotional services.

Journal.—The Minutes of Friday afternoon's session were read and approved.

Election.—The result of the ballot for reserve delegates to General Conference was announced as follows:

Whole number of votes cast.....	141
Necessary to a choice.....	71

William Runyan received 77, and H. C. Weakley 77, and they were declared elected.

Mears Bequest.—T. H. Pearne presented the report of the Trustees of the Mears Bequest for publication in the Minutes, and, on motion, John Pearson was elected a trustee in place of Thos. Lee, deceased.

Plan of Studies.—C. L. Conger presented a paper containing a plan of study for the four years' course. The Conference expressed its approval, by motion of L. F. Van Cleve. (See Papers and Correspondence.)

Scholarship.—Wm. Herr asked permission to name the beneficiary of the scholarship in the Ohio Wesleyan University, which he some years ago presented to the Conference, and, on motion of L. F. Van Cleve, such permission was granted, not only in this case, but at any time in the future whenever he might desire.

Question Thirteen.—The Thirteenth Question was taken up: "*Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?*" Isaac C. Page, T. G. Williams, Oren D. Becker, Calvin W. Elliott, Eugene S. Gaddis, Ira E. Price, Abbott G. Newton, and Henry Hershey were called. They reported their collections, were represented by the examiners and presiding elders, the character of each passed, and they were advanced to the class of deacons of the second year.

Geo. P. Bethel was called, his character passed, and, not having been examined, was remanded to the class of traveling deacons of the first year.

Question Fourteen.—“*What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*” The names of Charles W. Briggs, Owen M. Sellers, Samuel W. Campbell, Frank E. Vance, and Charles Hartley were called. Their character passed, they reported their collections, were represented by their examiners and the presiding elders, and were elected to elders’ orders.

S. A. Keen.—The Special Committee on the relations of S. A. Keen reported through George K. Morris as follows:

Our respected and beloved Brother Dr. S. A. Keen states as the ground of his action in asking for the supernumerary relation, that he feels called of God to devote all his time and employ all his energies in assisting pastors in evangelistic service. He is confirmed in this conviction by the fact that before it was known that he had any thoughts of engaging in that work he had invitations to hold pentecostal services at revival fall Conferences and numerous calls to hold ten-day evangelistic meetings. These invitations, which he does not feel at liberty to decline, he can not accept as a pastor without injury to his charge and also to his health. He also believes it to be of important significance that the invitations to Conferences referred to have the hearty indorsement of the presiding Bishops. The notable success of our honored brother as a minister of God during a pastorate of twenty-five years has placed him in the first rank as a minister of the Word. His gentle, loving spirit, his experience in the management of important charges, his exemplary earnestness in the evangelistic department of church-work and his strong faith in God, eminently qualify him for the service to which he respectfully asks permission to consecrate his powers in the immediate future. While we can not but regret the decision to which he has come, removing him as it does from the pastorate, yet subordinating our judgment to his conscientious convictions, we affectionately give him our blessing, promise him our continuous prayers and co-operation, and commend him to the confidence of the Church generally and the public at large.

GEORGE K. MORRIS,	W. I. FEE,
A. U. BEALL,	R. S. RUST.
J. F. MARLAY,	Committee.

The paper was adopted, and Brother Keen briefly responded in words of appreciation.

Third Question.—The Third Question, “*Who remain on Trial?*” was taken up. Gervaise Roughton, John P. Nine, Cyrus M. Van Pelt, James R. Hill, George L. Perry, Wm. E. Spurrier, Frank C. English, Walter S. Gray, Philip Trout, Jas. P. Gilliland, and Ira H. La Fetra were called. They reported their collections, the character of each passed, they were represented by the examiners and the presid-

ing elders, and were continued on trial and advanced to the class of the second year.

John A. Winkler, being absent on account of sickness, was remanded to the class of the first year.

William H. McGuffey, owing to ill-health, asked to be discontinued, and, on motion of F. G. Mitchell, the request was granted.

George H. Smith, being absent to attend school, did not meet the examiners; his character passed, and he was remanded to the first year's class.

Alvin K. Stabler and Chas. S. Chapman had not met the examiners; the character of each passed, and they were remanded to the class of the first year.

Albert C. Turrell and Harry B. Compton were called, the character of each passed, and they were remanded to the class of the first year.

Question Five.—The Fifth Question was resumed: "*Who are admitted into Full Connection?*" and Marcus L. Perry, on account of sickness having failed to be present for examination, passed an examination of character, and was remanded to the class of the second year on trial.

G. L. Travis.—Adam Bowers called the attention of the Conference to the serious illness of G. L. Travis, whereby he was disqualified from work this year, and requested for him a supernumerary relation, and moved that his case be referred to the Board of Stewards. The request was granted, and the motion prevailed.

On motion, a collection was taken for Brother Travis, which amounted to \$220.86.

Stewards' Report.—The Conference Stewards presented their final report, and, on motion of John Pearson, the report was adopted.

Education.—J. F. Marlay read that part of the report on Education which refers to the Ohio Wesleyan University. (See Report.)

Upon invitation of the Bishop, J. W. Bashford, the president, addressed the Conference upon the interests of the institution, and the report was adopted.

A Lowrey announced his promise to donate to the university the sum of \$1,000.

Time Extended.—On motion of L. F. Van Cleve, the time of the session was extended.

Book Concern.—Earl Cranston, D. D., agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, was introduced, and represented the interests of that institution.

Introductions.—The following visitors were introduced and invited within the bar of the Conference: J. C. Hartzell, D. D., of the Louisiana Conference; E. S. Gillette, D. D., of the East Ohio Conference; H. H. Thompson, D. D., of the United Presbyterian Church, this city; W. G. Waters, of the Central Ohio Conference; and E. C. Young, of the Friends' Society.

Question Ten.—The Tenth Question was taken up: "*What Local Preachers have been elected to Deacons' Orders?*"

Wm. A. Deaton was recommended by the Christiansburg Quarterly Conference, Dayton District. He was reported by the Examining Committee, represented by the presiding elder, and was elected to deacon's orders. He was also admitted on trial.

David Herr was recommended by the Concord Quarterly Conference; I. R. Marshall, by the New Paris Quarterly Conference; J. R. Hill, by the Brandt Quarterly Conference; J. D. Darling, by the Manchester Quarterly Conference; and Frank C. English, by the Bethel Quarterly Conference. Their examinations were favorably reported, their presiding elders represented them, and they were elected to deacons' orders.

Question Sixteen.—"What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?" was called. None were recommended.

Church Extension.—On motion of L. F. Van Cleve, L. O. Deputy was appointed to secure subscriptions for *Christianity in Earnest*, the publication of the Church Extension Society.

On motion of J. Pearson, it was decided that when we adjourn to-day, it be to meet at 8 o'clock on Monday morning.

The Statistical Secretary asked for instructions respecting Lewisburg charge, for which no report had been made. The case was left with the elder of the district and the Secretary.

Wm. Herr was appointed to lead the prayer-meeting Monday morning.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the session adjourned, with the benediction by L. F. Van Cleve.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, September 7, 1891.

OPENING.—Pursuant to adjournment, at 8 A. M. the Conference was opened, with Bishop Foster in the chair. The first half-hour was spent in devotional exercises.

Journal.—The Minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Reserve Delegates.—Wm. Herr called attention to the fact that the two reserve delegates received an equal number of votes.

On motion, it was agreed that precedence of reserve delegates should be in accord with priority in the ministry.

Eighteenth Question.—The Eighteenth Question was taken up: "*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*"

W. Q. Shannon, Silas Bennett, S. D. Clayton, G. P. Bethel, A. F. Dalbey, W. B. Moler, and S. W. Edmiston were called, the character of each passed, and they were continued in a supernumerary relation.

M. J. Cramer was given an effective relation, and the Bishop was requested to appoint him assistant editor of the German *Theological Quarterly Review*, published at Cleveland, O.

S. W. Carey and T. J. Harris were granted a superannuate relation.

C. W. Rishell and W. G. Warner were granted each an effective relation.

By their own request, J. L. Glascock and S. B. Ricketts were granted each a supernumerary relation.

Nineteenth Question.—"Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up, and the names of the following superannuates were called:

J. L. Grover, R. A. Arthur, W. E. Hines, J. W. Keely, W. N. Maxey, J. I. Taggart, W. J. Quarry, W. T. McMullen, N. W. Darlington, Benjamin Glascock, Wm. Herr, M. Kauffman, Adam Miller, W. N. Williams, A. M. Griffith, W. B. Jackson, J. F. Conrey, Wesley Webster, D. H. Sargent, J. F. Hull, S. N. Marsh, T. E. Fidler, E. C. Smith, T. Wones, G. W. Fee, H. M. Keck, Henry Stokes, J. L. Gregg, J. G. Black, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, and, after an examination of character, they were continued in the same relation.

The name of D. J. Starr was called, his character passed, and his relation was changed to effective.

Presiding Elders' Reports.—Owing to the pressure of time, A. Bowers moved that the presiding elders be excused from reading their reports.

D. L. Aultman offered as a substitute that their reports be printed in the Conference Minutes, and the substitute prevailed.

Twentieth Question.—“*Was the Character of each Preacher examined?*” was resumed, and Adam Bowers, the presiding elder of the Dayton District, passed an examination of character. The following effective elders were called, and they each passed an examination of character, those in charge reporting their collections: B. D. Hypes, G. L. Travis, J. L. Dalbey, C. H. Haines, Wm. Macafee, D. W. Clark, J. G. Vaughan, L. F. Young, Henry Miller, E. P. James, J. W. Cassatt, C. T. Crum, J. E. H. Sentman, R. G. Easley, E. T. Wells, J. R. Hunter, V. F. Brown, W. M. West, and A. B. Leonard.

Freedmen's Aid.—J. C. Hartzell, D. D., Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

S. Weeks read the report of the Committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 109.)

American Bible Society.—A. U. Beall read the report of the Committee on the American Bible Society, and E. S. Gillette, D. D., District Superintendent, addressed the Conference upon the work of the Society, and the report was adopted. (See Report, page 97.)

Drew Seminary.—Rev. John Miley, D. D., of Drew Theological Seminary, was introduced, and addressed the Conference concerning that school for young ministers.

Missions.—The report of the Committee on Missions was read by J. E. H. Sentman. Rev. C. C. McCabe, D. D., one of the General Secretaries of the Missionary Society, addressed the Conference. The report was adopted. (See Report, page .111)

Education.—C. H. Payne, Secretary of the Educational Society, briefly spoke to the Conference, respecting the importance of the work of this Society.

Leave of Absence.—On motion, M. P. Zink, J. H. Davis, Wesley Webster, M. J. Cramer, Henry Stokes, and S. W. Campbell who asked leave of absence from attendance upon the further sessions of the Conference were granted the privilege.

Twentieth Question.—The Twentieth Question was resumed, and the Hamilton District was called. Geo. H. Dart, the presiding elder, passed an examination of character.

The following effective elders were called, they each passed an examination of character, those in charge reporting their collections: E. McHugh, J. L. Shively, J. L. Glascock, F. M. Clemans, C. W. Gullett, S. B. Ricketts, E. H. Cherington, W. L. Hypes, J. F. Marlay, J. T. Bail, D. C. Vance, C. Wones, T. S. Cowden, D. A. McColm, Frank Leever, C. H. Kalbfus, Thos. Collett, T. Cundy.

On motion of G. H. Dart, the Bishop was requested to reappoint Thos. Collett the agent of the Preachers' Relief Society.

Statistics.—The Statistical Secretary, George S. Easton, presented the following, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That all statistics and financial reports must be in by noon of the second day, and the Secretaries and Treasurers be excused from making any changes in the reports after noon of the second day of the Conference.

E. T. WELLS,
G. S. EASTON,
S. O. ROYAL.

Question Seven.—The Seventh Question: "*Who are received on Credentials from Other Churches?*"

The credentials of E. D. Keyes, from the Presbyterian Church, recommended by the Asbury Quarterly Conference, were presented, and, on motion of John Pearson, he was recognized as a local elder.

Lakeside.—Thos. H. Pearne offered and read the report of the Committee on Lakeside, and the report was adopted. (See Report, page 111.)

Afternoon Session.—It was agreed, by motion of John Pearson, that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Bishop appointed A. Lowrey to preside at the afternoon's session.

Collection.—On motion of A. B. Leonard, a collection was taken for the sexton. The collection amounted to \$20.84.

A Lowrey was called to the chair, and the Bishop, with the presiding elders, retired.

The Committee on Temperance were granted permission to retire. After singing the hymn, "Palms of Victory," Dr. Adam Miller preached a sermon full of reminiscences of his early experiences and labors.

By motion, the Conference requested Dr. Adam Miller to publish the sermon for general circulation. Subscriptions for four hundred and eighty-nine copies were immediately given.

Adjournment.—After the benediction was pronounced, the session adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

By appointment of Bishop Foster, A. Lowrey called the Conference to order at 2 o'clock, J. F. Conrey conducting the devotional exercises.

On motion of T. H. Pearne, the reading of the morning Journal was dispensed with until such time as the Bishop should be in the chair.

Leave of Absence.—On motion of J. P. Porter, leave of absence was granted to Adam Miller.

J. R. Shannon.—T. H. Pearne presented the following paper, which was, on motion, adopted.

WHEREAS, Rev. John R. Shannon, Ph. D., is about to remove from this Conference by transfer to the Colorado Conference, to fill an important charge in Denver City, it is fitting that his removal should receive respectful mention.

Dr. Shannon is the son of an honored member of this body. In our Conference, by the usual processes, he entered the traveling ministry. He has approved himself as an able and successful minister of the Lord Jesus Christ. Upon him still rests "the dew of his youth." We are honored in the recognition of his eminent abilities by his transfer to Grace Church, in Denver. We shall miss his genial presence and his goodly fellowship. We shall lose his very acceptable and valuable service within our bounds. Our loss, however, will be the gain of our Colorado sister Conference. We pledge him our prayers and sympathies. Should Providence at any time direct his return to our Conference, we shall most cordially welcome him back to our ranks.

THOMAS H. PEARNE,	M. M. KUGLER,
FRANK G. MITCHELL,	R. H. RUST,
JNO. F. MARLAY,	R. S. RUST,
JOHN A. STORY,	T. S. COWDEN.

Conference Trustees.—S. Weeks presented an abstract of the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Cincinnati Conference, which was, upon motion, ordered printed in the Minutes.

Divorce.—The report of the Committee on Divorce was read by T. H. Pearne, and it was adopted.

On motion of A. U. Beall, T. H. Pearne was appointed to represent this Conference in the National Anti-divorce Association.

Lay Training-schools.—The following paper was presented by A. U. Beall, and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, At no time in the history of the Church has there been greater necessity, nor a stronger desire, than now to reach the masses; and

WHEREAS, No field is so accessible, nor is there one in which well-directed, intelligent work will be so fruitful as among the thousands in our cities who are not identified with Sabbath-school nor found in our churches on the Sabbath day; and

WHEREAS, Throughout our Church are consecrated young men—neither called to be local preachers nor exhorters—who, having the love of souls at heart, can sing and pray, and, properly trained, could do most effective work in this home field, and constitute a valuable corps of helpers for our overworked city pastors; and

WHEREAS, Some of the best men in our Church, among them three of our bishops—namely, Walden, Joyce, and Newman—have seen the importance of this unused power, and have recommended training-schools under the care of our Church; therefore,

Resolved, That we most heartily indorse this suggestion of these Bishops to inaugurate and establish training-schools in our large cities for lay workers for city mission-work.

Resolved, That we respectfully ask the ensuing General Conference, through our delegates, to consider this subject and give it such practical recognition as they deem its importance will justify.

A. U. BEALL,
T. H. PEARNE.

Education.—The report of the Committee on Education was read by J. F. Marlay, and it was adopted as a whole. (See Report, page 102.)

C. H. Payne.—Geo. K. Morris offered the following paper, which was, upon motion, adopted:

We take pleasure in renewing our action of last year, that as a Conference we greatly appreciate the work of our brother, Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., LL. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education.

His exceptional equipment for that important position warrants the confidence that the Board of Education, under his wise administration, will take the place which it deserves in the hearts of our people, and rank with the first of our benevolences. We pledge Dr. Payne our hearty co-operation and our prayers.

J. F. MARLAY, G. K. MORRIS,
J. A. STORY, R. H. RUST.

Educational Commission.—On motion of Lucien Clark, the Conference renewed its action of one year ago, by which a Commission of four on Educational Institutions was appointed, said Commission consisting of L. F. Van Cleve, John Pearson, D. W. Clark, and Wm. Runyan.

Fraternal Visitors.—D. J. Starr announced that a Committee bearing fraternal greetings from the Miami Conference of the United Brethren Church were in waiting, and moved that we now receive them as such; and Rev. G. M. Matthews and Rev. Lewis Bookwalter, D. D., were introduced and addressed the Conference.

A. B. Leonard presented the following paper, which was adopted by a unanimous rising vote : •

1. *Resolved*, That we appreciate the Christian fraternity of the Miami Conference of the United Brethren Church in the appointment of visitors to this Conference.

2. *Resolved*, That we have received and heard with pleasure the able addresses of the Rev. G. M. Matthews and the Rev. Dr. L. Bookwalter, as fraternal messengers from that body, and that we assure them and the Miami Conference of our interest in their prayers, and of our desire to cultivate and strengthen the bonds of Christian love existing between the two denominations represented.

D. J. STARR,

A. B. LEONARD.

Bishop Walden.—A letter from Bishop John M. Walden, written from St. Petersburg, Russia, and addressed to the Conference, was read, and, on motion of W. L. Hypes, the Secretary was instructed to return the greetings of the Conference, and to inform him of his re-election as a trustee of the Ohio Wesleyan University.

Deaconess Home.—The report of the Special Committee on the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital was read by C. W. Barnes, and was adopted. (See Report, page 99.)

Auditing Committee.—The Auditing Committee presented their report through T. S. Cowden as follows, and it was adopted :

We, your Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Publishing Committee, submit the following report.

We have examined all the accounts of the Committee, and find them to be correct.

T. S. COWDEN,

A. M. GRIFFITH,

J. A. EASTON.

On motion of J. F. Conrey, it was decided that when we adjourn it be to meet at 7.30 this evening.

DePauw School of Theology.—Rev. H. A. Gobin, D. D., dean of the School of Theology of DePauw University, was introduced and invited to address the Conference, and he briefly spoke of that institution and its work.

Memorial Services.—Upon motion of W. L. Hypes, the memorial services were made the special order of the day for Tuesday, 10 o'clock.

M. Dustin moved to reconsider the vote whereby an evening session was ordered, and the motion was lost by a count vote of 24 to 34.

Epworth League.—On motion of C. H. Payne, J. F. Berry, D. D., editor of the *Epworth Herald*, was invited to represent the work and interests of the Epworth League before the Conference at this evening's session.

The chair appointed R. K. Deem to conduct the devotional services of the evening's session; the doxology was sung, and the session closed, with the benediction by T. Collett.

EVENING.

Opening.—Conference met at 7.30 P. M., Bishop Foster in the chair. The choir rendered a beautiful selection, and R. K. Deem led in prayer.

Journal.—The Minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions were read and approved.

Semi-Centennials.—C. H. Payne offered the following, which, upon motion, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. A. Lowrey and the Rev. Dr. W. I. Fee will this year have completed fifty years in the ministry, all of which years have been crowded with efficient labor and crowned with abundant fruits, this Conference affectionately requests these honored brethren each to preach a semi-centennial sermon at the next session.

C. H. PAYNE,	J. F. MARLAY,
W. L. HYPES,	J. T. BAIL,
F. G. MITCHELL,	J. F. CONREY.

Temperance.—H. D. Ketcham read the report of the Committee on Temperance, and it was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

Mormonism.—H. A. M. Henderson read the report of the Committee on Mormonism, and it was left in the hands of the Committee for the addition of further resolutions.

Church Property.—A. Bowers presented the following paper, as the action of the Quarterly Conference of Troy Circuit :

WHEREAS, The McKaig Avenue parsonage property, Troy, Ohio, has never been conveyed to the trustees of the Troy Circuit, in the interests of which it has been used for many years; and

WHEREAS, The church has been sold and the society disbanded; and

WHEREAS, The interests of the work demand the pastor among the people; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Conference transfer the title to the trustees of the Troy Circuit, and grant them an order of sale, with the privilege of reinstatement, for the better interests of the charge.

A. BOWERS, P. E.

WM. N. WEST, P. C.

Periodicals.—M. Dustin read the report of the Committee on Periodicals and Book Concern Accounts, and it was amended and adopted. (See Report, page 114.)

Finance.—J. S. Whitney read the report of the Committee on Finance, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 109.)

R. H. Rust.—J. F. Marlay presented a paper relating to the transfer of R. H. Rust into the Conference. The paper was withdrawn, and the subject of the paper referred to a Committee consisting of C. H. Payne, J. F. Marlay, and A. Lowrey, with instructions to report to-morrow morning.

Epworth League.—J. F. Berry, D. D., editor of the *Epworth Herald*, was introduced, and addressed the Conference and the large audience assembled, concerning the work of the Epworth League.

The Bishop appointed A. Lowrey to preside at the morning session, and S. B. Smith to lead the devotions.

The Conference adjourned, to meet at 8 A. M. to-morrow. The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Foster.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, September 8, 1891.

O**PENING.**—The session opened at 8 o'clock, and A. Lowrey, by appointment of the Bishop, took the chair. The devotional services were conducted by S. B. Smith.

Minutes Read.—The Journal of the Monday evening session was read and approved.

By request of A. Lowrey, he was excused from the Committee on the Relations of R. H. Rust, and T. H. Pearne was appointed in his place.

Reports.—By motion of R. S. Rust, it was decided to call the list of Standing Committees, and hear their reports in turn.

Vote Recorded.—W. R. Dudley stated that he was absent from the Conference during the vote on the Woman Question, and the proposition for amending the Restrictive Rules. By motion, he was permitted to deposit his vote.

[N. B.—This vote, as also those of Davis W. Clark and G. L. Tufts, cast earlier in the proceedings, are counted in the aggregate, pages 14 and 15.—SECRETARY.]

Church Extension.—J. F. Dalbey read the report of the Committee on Church Extension, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 98.)

Parsonages.—The report of the Committee on Parsonages was read by J. W. Hickman, and it was adopted. (See Report, page —.)

Peace.—The report of the Committee on Peace was read and adopted. (See Report, page 114.)

R. H. Rust.—The Special Committee on the Relations of R. H. Rust reported that he desired a supernumerary relation, and the request was granted.

Sabbath Observance.—W. C. Helt read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, and the report was adopted. (See Report, page 115.)

Sunday-school Cause.—The report of the Committee on Sunday-school Cause was read by C. H. Haines, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 116.)

Upon invitation, L. Clark, the assistant editor of the *Christian Advocate*, addressed the Conference on the interests of that publication.

Mormonism.—The Committee on Mormonism resubmitted their report, with the desired addition, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 112.)

Distribution of Funds.—The Conference Stewards made the distribution of the funds for claimants. (See Report, page 77.)

A. B. Leonard.—The following paper was presented by D. J. Starr, and it was adopted by a rising vote :

WHEREAS, The Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D., a member of this Conference, has been called to the important office of Missionary Secretary by the voice of the Church, in this very important period of its history ; and

WHEREAS, He has served its interests with distinguished ability, and has been eminently enterprising and successful in advancing the welfare of the missionary cause throughout his extensive field ; therefore,

Resolved, That we are much gratified at the growth of the missionary work, and that we rejoice in our brother's success and adaptation to the work of his office, and that we will pray for his preservation and the triumph of the cause he represents.

D. J. STARR,	A. LOWREY,
C. H. HAINES,	M. DUSTIN.
GEO. K. MORRIS,	

Lucien Clark.—Wm. Herr offered the following, and it was adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, That the Book Agents at New York be, and they are respectfully, requested to insert, in its proper place in the *Christian Advocate*, the name of Rev. L. Clark, D. D., assistant editor of that periodical.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference be authorized to forward to the Agents of the Book Concern, New York, the action of this Conference.

Epworth League.—The report of the Committee on Epworth League was read by M. E. Ketcham, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 107.)

Geo. K. Morris.—J. W. Gaddis offered the following paper, and it was adopted by a rising vote :

WHEREAS, The Rev. Geo. K. Morris, pastor of St. Paul Church, Cincinnati, in response to an invitation extended to him at the session of our last Conference, has given us, the members of the Cincinnati Conference, a valuable course of lectures on sacred oratory ; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we heartily appreciate the kindness of Dr. Morris in giving us the benefit of these instructive lectures.

Resolved, 2. That we regard them as able expositions of the art and science of oratory, and very helpful and inspiring to the public speaker.

Resolved, 3. That we cordially request Dr. Morris to continue his lectures at the seat of Conference next year, and request that a convenient hour be set apart for said lectures.

JNO. W. GADDIS,
D. C. VANCE.

Preachers' Relief.—T. Collett reported the present financial condition and the work of the Preachers' Relief Society during the past year, and, upon motion, the report was ordered published in the Minutes. (See Report.)

By motion of J. F. Conrey the Conference requested the publication of the resolutions complimentary to Bishop Foster.

S. B. Smith presented to the Conference a sum amounting to \$8.14, unexpended balance of the collection at the Temperance Anniversary. The Conference ordered it placed in the hands of J. T. Bail, Treasurer of the Temperance Society.

Memorial Services.—On motion of C. L. Conger, the Order of the Day was taken up; namely, the Memorial Services.

The hymn beginning,

"Servant of God, well done!"

was sung, and prayer was offered by C. H. Payne.

"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds!"

was then sung.

The memoir of Thomas Lee was read by J. F. Marlay. W. L. Hypes, A. B. Leonard, L. F. Van Cleve, J. F. Conrey, and S. Weeks made remarks. The memoir was adopted and ordered published in the Minutes. (See Memoirs.)

On motion of J. F. Conrey, J. F. Marlay, L. F. Van Cleve, and J. F. Loyd were appointed a Committee to communicate to Sister Lee the sympathy of the Conference.

The memoir of Mrs. T. A. G. Phillips was read by G. W. Du-bois, and it was adopted. (See Memoirs.)

The memoir of Mrs. G. T. Weaver was read by Wm. Runyan, and it was adopted. (See Memoirs.)

J. L. Glascock read the memoir of Mrs. Asa Stroud, and it was adopted. (See Memoirs.)

G. P. Austin read the memoir of Mrs. Jas. Austin, and it was adopted. (See Memoirs.)

Lay Conference.—D. J. Starr offered the following, and it was adopted:—

Resolved, That we have greatly enjoyed the visit of the Lay Electoral Conference to this body, the addresses of its President, Judge Warnock, and Bishop Foster, upon that occasion, and that we instruct the Publishing Committee to publish the Minutes of the Lay Electoral Conference with the Minutes of the Cincinnati Conference.

D. J. STARR.

James L. Glascock.—The following resolution was presented by C. W. Barnes, and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, Rev. J. L. Glascock, a member of this Conference, expects to enter upon evangelistic labors in the coming year, that we hereby express our regret that while so engaged he will not be associated with us in the pastorate; that we express our confidence and loving regard for Brother Glascock, and commend him to the Churches and pastors with whom he shall labor. We assure him also of our prayers for the blessing of God to rest upon his labors.

J. G. VAUGHAN,
C. W. BARNES.

Treasurer's Accounts.—On behalf of the Treasurer, W. J. Baker requested that an Auditing Committee be appointed to examine his accounts. The request was granted, and the Committee for Auditing the Publishing Accounts was so appointed.

The Labor Question.—George K. Morris offered the following, and it was adopted:

The public mind is agitated on the labor question. The excitement is clearly destined to increase. Notwithstanding the well-known fact that the rank and file of the Church of God belong to the working classes, and determine its action and its spirit, yet there are those interested in creating among the masses a feeling that the Church is uninterested in the sorrows of those who contend almost hopelessly with adverse conditions. Thus many young workingmen, uninformed as to the truth, have been turned away from the house of God, and brought under the hurtful influence of Christ's haters.

We desire, therefore, to put on record the fact that our Church gives its warmest sympathy to those who are down. We desire a solution of the industrial problem that will make it possible for all who are willing to labor to live in comfort, and to take good care of those dependent upon them. We earnestly call on those who have been prosperous in business to give kind and earnest thought to the just claims of the many who are victims of economic conditions for which the present generation is not responsible, and to co-operate with all intelligent and honest efforts on behalf of those so sadly needing friends.

In order that the desired end may be promoted, we request the Committee on Public Worship at the seat of the next Conference to

arrange for a mass-meeting, and to invite two members of this Conference to deliver addresses on that occasion.

GEO. K. MORRIS, A. B. AUSTIN,
J. F. MARLAY, E. S. LEWIS,
J. W. MAGRUDER, R. H. RUST.

Deaconess Work.—The Board of Control of Deaconess Work reported through M. M. Kugler, and the report was adopted. (See Report, page 99.)

Mormonism.—A. Lowrey offered the following resolutions, and they were adopted; and, on motion, A. Lowrey was appointed to act as Committee called for in each:

Resolved, That some one of our Conference be appointed, who can make it convenient to do so, to visit Congress and solicit the best members of that body whom he may be able to influence, to interest themselves in extirpating Mormonism.

Resolved, That we hereby appoint one of the Conference to represent this Conference in the General Peace movement in this country.

Conference Claimants.—A. U. Beall offered the following for the Board of Stewards, and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, The last General Conference did organize a Board of Conference Claimants; and

WHEREAS, In that organization there was provision made for a permanent and a disbursing fund, the permanent fund to consist of special collections, grants, wills, bequests, or other conveyances of property; and

WHEREAS, With this disbursing fund are included the profits of the Book Concern and the annual collections in the Churches to be distributed by said Board of Conference Claimants to the Annual Conferences according to the number of applicants reported from each Conference to be distributed by the Board of Stewards in the Conferences,—

Resolved, 1. That we recognize the wisdom of the General Conference in giving importance to the sustentation of the dependent superannuate ministers, their widows, and their orphan children, in providing for a permanent fund, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to their support.

Resolved, 2. That we most respectfully dissent from including the Conference collections in the funds of said Board of Conference Claimants, and request our delegates to the ensuing General Conference to secure such an arrangement as shall leave the annual collections in the hands of the Board of Stewards in these bodies.

Resolved, 3. That we believe that taking this collection in our Churches would materially lessen the collections by weakening the sacred and warm relationship which these honorable pensioners hold to the Churches in which they went in and out as pastors and pastors' families, building in and building up for God and his Church.

A. U. BEALL,
F. M. CLEMANS.

Standing Committees for 1892.—The Committee on Nominations of Standing Committees for next year was offered, and it was ordered printed without reading. (See page 5.)

Question Thirty-four.—The Thirty-fourth Question was taken up: "*Where shall the Next Conference be held?*"

Invitations were received from Middletown, New Carlisle, and Eaton. Middletown was chosen, and a rising vote of thanks was given to Eaton and New Carlisle for their kind invitations.

Question Two.—The Second Question, "*Who are admitted on Trial?*" was taken up.

George V. Morris was recommended for admission on trial, from the St. Paul (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference; A. L. Brokaw, from the Germantown Quarterly Conference; George W. Vorhis, from St. Paul's, Dayton; Ulysses G. Humphrey, from Montgomery; Wm. H. Wehrly, from Eaton; Wm. M. Coffman, from Springboro; Homer G. Curles, from Blanchester; Marcellus B. Fuller, from the Manchester Quarterly Conference; and Rufus J. Wyckoff from the Grace (Springfield) Quarterly Conference. They were introduced, represented by examiners and presiding elders, and were admitted on trial.

The Bishop was requested to leave Rufus J. Wyckoff without appointment, to attend one of our schools.

Treasurer's Accounts.—E. T. Wells, Conference Treasurer, reported concerning the discrepancies in his account.

On motion of H. C. Weakley, a vote of thanks was given to the Treasurer and his assistants for their careful labor to secure accuracy in the accounts.

On motion of A. Bowers, it was decided to meet at 1.30 o'clock for an afternoon session.

Lay Vote on Woman Question.—John Pearson announced the result of the vote of the laity on the eligibility of women as delegates to General Conference, as follows:

	FOR.	AGAINST.
Cincinnati District.....	658	316
Dayton District.....	954	501
Hamilton District.....	730	225
Hillsboro District.....	1,154	358
Ripley District.....	1,012	272
Springfield District.....	966	396
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Total vote	5,474	2,068
	7,542	

Educational Funds.—John Pearson reported from the Conference Educational Society that all moneys, notes, etc., had been turned over to the proper custodians of the same, according to the instructions of the Conference.

The Bishop appointed Wm. Herr to preside at the afternoon session of the Conference during his absence.

The doxology was sung, and the session adjourned, with the benediction by W. L. Hypes.

AFTERNOON.

CONFERENCE reassembled at half-past one o'clock, with Wm. Herr in the chair. A. Lowrey conducted the devotional exercises.

Tracts.—The report of the Committee on Tracts was read by A. B. Austin, and it was adopted.

Changes in Discipline.—A. Lowrey presented the following resolutions concerning changes in the Discipline, and they were adopted:

Resolved, That we request our delegates to the General Conference of 1892 to examine ¶ 222, § 5, and if they find it an element of arbitrary power, out of harmony with the just and equal regulations of the Discipline in like cases, we desire them to use their influence to have it excluded.

Resolved, That we request our delegates to General Conference of 1892 to consider the propriety of so changing the Discipline as to allow the Bishop to appoint ministers indefinitely to missions in large cities, where the Conference in which the missions are to be established shall request it.

Railroads.—The Secretary reported, as Committee appointed at the last session to secure railroad rates. The Conference expressed approval of what was done, ordered the payment of any expenses incurred, and appointed him as Committee to secure reduced rates for next year.

Conference Societies.—The officers for the Conference societies for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

On motion of J. F. Marlay, the officers of the Temperance Society were re-elected. The officers of the Education Society were also re-elected. The officers of the Sunday-school Union and Tract Societies of last year were re-elected for the coming year. (See pages 3 and 4.)

Bishop Foster entered, and resumed the chair.

A. Lowrey occupied a few moments in pleasantly thanking the Conference for the courtesy shown him while he presided.

Conference Minutes.—The Secretary called the roll for subscriptions for Conference Minutes.

Foreign Liquor Trade.—A. B. Leonard offered the following papers, relating to the traffic in intoxicating liquors in foreign lands, and they were adopted :

WHEREAS, The Brussels Treaty, providing for the extirpation of the slave-trade in Africa and the importation of fire arms and alcoholic liquors for the use of native tribes in that country, was defeated by the United States Senate at its recent session ; and

WHEREAS, It is understood that the time for the ratification of this treaty has been extended, so that the Senate will have the opportunity to reconsider its former action ; therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly urge the Senate, for the sake of humanity, to join with the other nations represented in the Brussels Congress in the ratification of this treaty.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Conference be instructed to place this action in the hands of Senator John Sherman for presentation to the Senate of the United States.

A. B. LEONARD,	WM. RUNYAN,
R. K. DEEM,	C. L. CONGER.
L. F. VAN CLEVE,	

WHEREAS, The State Department of the Government of the United States has sent out a circular to all American consuls in Mexico and South America, instructing said consuls to furnish information as to the malt-liquor trade in the countries above mentioned, and the best methods for the enlargement of the malt-liquor trade therein ; and

WHEREAS, The responses of said consuls have been published by the Department of State for free distribution among maltsters and brewers ; therefore,

Resolved, That we protest against the prostitution of the State Department in the use of its influence for the extension of the liquor-traffic with our sister Republics of Spanish America, and that our Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this action to the State Department at Washington.

A. B. LEONARD,	J. F. CONREY,
S. WEEKS,	WM. RUNYAN.

Question Twenty.—The Twentieth Question was resumed. Wm. Runyan, the presiding elder of the Hillsboro District, was called, and his character passed. The effective elders of the district were called, the character of each passed, and they reported their collections, as follows : James Murray, E. Burdsall, J. W. Gaddis, G. L. Austin, H. Witham, A. T. Cowgill, R. K. Deem, W. J. Baker,

L. M. Davis, J. H. Middleton, John H. Davis, J. F. McColm, C. L. Conger, H. D. Ketcham, M. Dustin.

On motion of Wm. Runyan, the Bishop was requested to reappoint M. Dustin agent of the Conference Temperance Society.

The Ripley District was taken up. The presiding elder, J. W. Mason, and the effective elders of the district were called. The character of each passed, and they reported their collections, namely: G. M. Fulton, J. P. Shultz, F. W. Hypes, J. S. Whitney, S. B. Smith, J. F. Laird, John Wilson, E. T. Lane, L. O. Deputy, C. J. Wells, D. D. Cheney, W. H. Sutherland, and W. P. Jackson.

Springfield District was called. F. G. Mitchell passed an examination of character. The following effective elders of the district reported their collections, and the character of each passed, namely: J. A. White, G. L. Tufts, J. S. Pumphrey, M. E. Ketcham, W. C. Helt, W. R. Dudley, J. McK. Shultz, C. W. Barnes, W. I. Fee, J. R. Shannon, Geo. W. Dubois, C. D. Munsey, J. P. Porter, S. O. Royal, T. H. Pearne, A. N. Spahr, H. C. Middleton, L. D. McCabe, and L. Clark.

South America.—The Chili District was called. J. P. Gilliland, G. F. Arms, R. D. Powell, Ira H. La Fetra, passed an examination of character. The character of C. W. Drees, Superintendent of Missions in South America, passed.

A. Lowrey represented the state of the work in South America.

The Secretary presented the report of J. P. Gilliland, presiding elder of Chili District, and it was ordered printed in the Minutes.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, A. Lowrey was appointed to act for the Conference in connection with the work in Chili.

Supernumerary Relation.—When the following were called, they passed an examination of character and were granted a supernumerary relation at their own request: G. T. Weaver, J. S. Rugles, F. W. Hypes, and R. E. Smith.

On motion of Jno. Pearson, the Bishop was requested to reappoint D. L. Aultman agent of the Freedmen's Aid Society.

W. H. Black.—L. F. Van Cleve reported regarding the case of W. H. Black. He recommended the passage of his character, and the continuance of his relation as supernumerary, and that the adjustment of his accounts with the Preachers' Relief Society be left with Thos. Collett.

Question Two.—The Second Question, “*Who are admitted on Trial?*” was resumed. Juan Canut de Bon, W. C. Hoover, and James Bengé were admitted on trial on the recommendation of the Chili District Conference.

Juan Canut de Bon and W. C. Hoover were elected to deacons’ orders.

Complimentary Resolutions.—L. F. Van Cleve presented and read the report of the Committee on Conference Resolutions, and the report was adopted. (See Report, page 99.)

Treasury Voucher.—On motion, the vouchers in the hands of the Treasurer were placed on file with the Conference papers.

Disciplinary Questions.—The Disciplinary Questions from No. 21 to No. 27 were called. (For answers, see pages 46–48.)

The Treasurer and Statistical Secretary read their reports by footings, and the reports were received and ordered printed. (See Statistical Reports, pages 80–96.)

General Conference Expenses.—The following paper, offered by G. H. Dart, was adopted :

Resolved, That the pastors of the charges where the collections for General Conference expenses have not been taken, be instructed to secure the amount apportioned to the charge, and report the same to Cranston & Stowe at some time before November 1, 1891. Also, that the presiding elders be requested to give this matter special attention.

Ordinations.—The Bishop presented the certificates of ordination as follows :

THIS CERTIFIES, *That in Urbana, Ohio, September 6, 1891, I ordained as Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, William A. Deaton, Isaac R. Marshall, David Herr, James R. Hill, and James D. Darling; and the same day, in the same place, assisted by elders, I ordained as Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Charles W. Briggs, Owen M. Sellers, Samuel W. Campbell, and Frank E. Vance.*

R. S. FOSTER.

Urbana, Ohio, September 8, 1891.

Special Appointments.—The Bishop announced the following appointments:

Committees of Examination. (See page 4.)

To Preach the Missionary Sermon.—J. A. Story; alternate, S. A. Keen.

Boards of Church Location were elected as follows:

Cincinnati District.—Presiding Elder, J. M. DeCamp, B. R. Cowen, S. Hannaford, A. D. Maddox, G. W. Kelley, M. M. Kugler.

Dayton District.—Presiding Elder, Abel Hoover, L. D. Reynolds, V. F. Brown, Davis W. Clark.

Hamilton District.—Presiding Elder, Chas. A. Ault, O. V. Parish, J. F. Marlay, C. W. Gullett.

Hillsboro District.—Presiding Elder, S. W. Rodgers, J. M. Heistan, James Murray, C. L. Conger.

Ripley District.—Presiding Elder, James McMath, David Pearson, S. B. Smith, W. P. Jackson.

Springfield District.—Presiding Elder, W. R. Warnock, P. P. Mast, T. H. Pearne, J. S. Pumphrey.

Triers of Appeals were nominated by the Bishop, and elected, as follows: E. S. Lewis, D. J. Starr, S. B. Smith, James Murray, L. F. Young, R. K. Deem, J. P. Porter.

The Board of Church Extension was nominated by the Bishop, and confirmed by the Conference, as follows: President, John F. Marlay; Vice-President, Edward Sargent; Secretary, H. C. Weakley; Treasurer, James M. DeCamp; additional members, S. Weeks, M. LeSourd, John Cochnower, J. W. Dale; *ex-officio* members, the presiding elders.

Question Thirty-One was called: “*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*”

The Board of Stewards answered: (\$10,050), Ten thousand and fifty Dollars. (For details, see Report, page 77.)

Question Thirty-two was called: “*What has been received on these Claims, and how has it been applied?*”

The Board of Stewards replied: (\$9,052.01), Nine thousand fifty-two Dollars. (For details, see Report, page 77.)

Adjournment.—By motion it was ordered that, after the reading of the Minutes and the announcement of the appointments, the Conference adjourn *sine die*.

The Minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions were read and approved.

Appointments Read.—Bishop Foster addressed the Conference with great feeling, and led them in a tender and affecting prayer. He then read the appointments, and after the doxology was sung, pronounced the benediction.

URBANA, O., September, 8, 1891.

The reports and proceedings herewith published were regularly adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at its session which was held September 2 to 8, 1891, in this city.

The published Minutes, by the rules of the Conference, were made the official record of its proceedings.

R. S. FOSTER, PRESIDENT.

Attest: S. O. ROYAL, SECRETARY.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1ST. *Who are received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

A. H. Lucas, from the Colorado Conference; R. H. Rnst, from the Detroit Conference; and Simon McChesney, from the New York East Conference.

QUESTION 2D. *Who are admitted on Trial?*

Geo. H. Smith, Alvin K. Stabler, Chas. L. Chapman, Albert C. Turrell, Wm. A. Deaton, Harry B. Compton, Geo. V. Morris, A. L. Brokaw, Geo. W. Vorhis, Ulysses G. Humphrey, Wm. H. Wehrly, Wm. M. Coffman, Homer G. Curles, Marcellus B. Fuller, Rufus J. Wyckoff, Jas. Benge, Willis C. Hoover, Juan Canut de Bon, John A. Winkler.

QUESTION 3D. *Who remain on Trial?*

Marcus L. Perry, Jas. P. Gilliland, Gervaise Roughton, John P. Nine, Cyrus M. Van Pelt, Jas. R. Hill, Ira H. La Petra, Geo. L. Perry, Wm. E. Spurrier, Frank C. English, Philip Trout, Walter S. Gray.

QUESTION 4TH. *Who are discontinued?*

Wm. H. McGuffey.

QUESTION 5TH. *Who are admitted into Full Connection?*

Jas. W. Magruder, Chas. R. Brown, Paul C. Curnick, Jas. E. Abrams, Reuben S. McColm.

QUESTION 6TH. *Who are readmitted?*

None.

QUESTION 7TH. *Who are received on Credentials from Other Churches?*

E. D. Keyes, a local elder from the Presbyterian Church.

QUESTION 8TH. *What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

None.

QUESTION 9TH. *What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*

None.

QUESTION 10TH. *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

Wm. A. Deaton, Isaac R. Marshall, James R. Hill, David Herr, Jas. D. Darling, Frank C. English, Juan Canut de Bon, Willis C. Hoover.

QUESTION 11TH. *What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*

Wm. A. Deaton, Isaac R. Marshall, Jas. R. Hill, David Herr, Jas. D. Darling, Frank C. English.

QUESTION 12TH. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class?*

Jas. W. Magruder, Chas. R. Brown, Paul C. Curnick, Jas. E. Abrams, Reuben S. McCollm, Geo. P. Bethel.

QUESTION 13TH. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?*

Isaac C. Page, Thos. G. Williams, Oren D. Becker, Calvin W. Elliott, Eugene S. Gaddis, Ira E. Price, Abbott G. Newton, Henry Hershey.

QUESTION 14TH. *What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*

Chas. W. Briggs, Owen M. Sellers, Samuel W. Campbell, Frank E. Vance.

QUESTION 15TH. *What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*

Chas. W. Briggs, Owen M. Sellers, Samuel W. Campbell, Frank E. Vance.

QUESTION 16TH. *What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?*

Jas. Bengé.

QUESTION 17TH. *What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?*

None.

QUESTION 18TH. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

S. A. Keen, G. L. Travis, W. H. Black, W. Q. Shannon, Silas Bennett, Geo. P. Bethel, S. D. Clayton, A. F. Dalbey, Wm. B. Moler, S. W. Edmiston, S. B. Ricketts, J. L. Glascock, G. T. Weaver, J. S. Ruggles, Fletcher W. Hypes, R. E. Smith, W. G. Warner.

QUESTION 19TH. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, W. E. Hines, R. A. Arthur, J. L. Grover, J. W. Keely, W. N. Maxey, J. I. Taggart, W. J. Quarry, W. T. McMullen, N. W. Darlington, Benj. Glascock, Wm. Herr, Michael Kauffman, Adam Miller, W. N. Williams, A. M. Griffith, W. B. Jackson, J. F. Conrey, Wesley Webster, D. H. Sargent, J. F. Hull, S. N. Marsh, T. E. Fidler, E. C. Smith, Timothy Wones, G. W. Fee, H. M. Keck, Henry Stokes, J. L. Gregg, J. G. Black, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, J. Vance.

QUESTION 20TH. *Was the Character of each Preacher examined?*

It was: in open Conference.

QUESTION 21ST. *Have any died?*

Thos. E. Lee.

QUESTION 22D. *Have any been transferred, and to what Conferences?*

John R. Shannon to the Colorado Conference.

QUESTION 23D. *Have any withdrawn?*

None.

QUESTION 24TH. *Have any been located at their Own Request?*

None.

QUESTION 25TH. *Have any been located?*

None.

QUESTION 26TH. *Have any been permitted to withdraw under Charges?*

None.

QUESTION 27TH. *Have any been expelled?*

None.

QUESTION 28TH. *Who are selected to be Triers of Appeals?*

E. S. Lewis, Jas. Murray, J. P. Porter, D. J. Starr, L. F. Young, S. B. Smith, R. K. Deem.

QUESTION 29TH. *What is the Statistical Report for this Conference Year?*

See pages 80-97.

QUESTION 30TH. *What is the Treasurer's report?*

See page 79.

QUESTION 31ST. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

\$10,050. (For details, see Report of Stewards, page 77.)

QUESTION 32D. *What has been received on these Claims, and how has it been applied?*

\$9,250.09. (For Detailed Report, see page 77.)

QUESTION 33D. *Where are the Preachers stationed?*

(See List of Appointments, page 49.)

QUESTION 34TH. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?*

Middletown, O.

APPOINTMENTS.

N. B. 1. Post-office inserted in parentheses when different from appointment. 2. Supplies in brackets. 3. Numerals at right hand indicate year of service entered upon.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

JOHN PEARSON, Presiding Elder, 4.

P. O., No. 11 McCormick Place, Mt. Auburn,
Cincinnati, O.

Addyston.....George S. Easton, 2.
Avondale.....J. W. Peters, 2.
Chevrot.....A. U. Beall, 1.

CINCINNATI:

Asbury.....C. W. Rishell, 1.
Camp Washington—

J. W. Magruder, 4.

Christie.....Marion LeSourd, 5.

Columbia.....D. W. C. Washburn, 2.

Fairmount.....A. D. Maddox, 1.

Finley.....Gervaise Roughton, 2.

McKendree.....Edward McHugh, 1.

Mission Circuit of Cincinnati Church
Extension Society...J. W. Shorten, 2.

Henry Hershey, 1, and three to
be supplied.

Mount Auburn.....John J. McCabe, 3.

Mount Lookout.....J. H. Lease, 2.

Pearl Street.....D. J. Starr, 1.

Pendleton.....E. S. Gaddis, 2.

Price Hill.....P. C. Curnick, 1.

St. John.....L. F. Young, 1.

St. Paul.....Geo. K. Morris, 3.

Trinity.....Edward S. Lewis, 1.

Walnut Hills.....Simon McChesney.

Wesley.....C. R. Brown, 3.

Wright Chapel.....G. W. Kelley, 3.

York Street.....T. S. Cowden, 1.

Cleves.....J. W. Hickman, 2.

Delhi.....Sylvester Weeks, 2.

Groesbeck.....To be supplied.

Ivanhoe.....A. B. Austin, 3.

Madisonville.....J. A. Story, 5.

Mount Washington and

Red Bank.....F. M. Kirgan, 2.

Norwood.....George V. Morris, 1.

Winton Place.....M. M. Kugler, 2.

R. S. Rust, Honorary Secretary of the
Freedmen's Aid and Southern Edu-
cation Society, 4; member of St.
Paul Quarterly Conference.

C. H. Payne, Corresponding Secretary
of the Board of Education, 4; mem-
ber of St. Paul Quarterly Conference.

J. W. Bashford, President of Ohio Wes-
leyan University, 3; member of Wal-
nut Hills Quarterly Conference.

W. K. Brown, President of Cincinnati
Wesleyan College, 10; member of St.
Paul Quarterly Conference.

A. Lowrey, Editor of *Divine Life*, 8;
member of St. Paul Quarterly Con-
ference.

H. C. Weakley, Secretary of Deaconess
Work, 3; member of Fairmount
Quarterly Conference.

D. L. Aultman, Assistant Secretary and
Agent of Freedmen's Aid and South-
ern Education Society, 4; member of
St. Paul Quarterly Conference.

M. J. Cramer, Assistant Editor of *Ger-
man Theological Review*, 1; member of
Walnut Hills Quarterly Conference.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

A. BOWERS, Presiding Elder, 6.

P. O., 620 McLain Street, Dayton, O.

Arcanum.....J. McK. Shultz, 1.

Brandt.....W. M. West, 1.

Centerville.....J. W. Gaddis, 1.

Christiansburg.....J. L. Dalbey, 1.

Concord.....John P. Nine, 1.

Corvinton.....J. R. Hill, 1.

DAYTON:

Broadway.....C. H. Haines, 2.

Grace.....Wm. Macafee, 4.

Raper.....Davis W. Clark, 4.

St. Paul.....J. G. Vaughan, 4.

Trinity.....Jonathan Verity, 1.

Fairfield.....Henry Miller, 2.

Germantown.....W. A. Deaton, 1.

Gordon.....M. L. Perry, 1.
Greenville.....A. N. Spahr, 1.
Lewisburg.....[D. S. Ewry], 1.
Miamisburg.....M. E. Ketcham, 1.
New Madison.....G. W. Vorhis, 1.
New Paris.....[I. R. Marshall], 3.

Piqua:

Grace.....William I. Fee, 1.
Greene Street.....E. T. Wells, 4.
Tippecanoe City and Milton—
 J. R. Hunter, 3.
Troy.....V. F. Brown, 2.
Troy Circuit (Troy)...A. L. Brokaw, 1.
West Alexandria.....C. T. Crum, 1.
West Elkton.....[A. A. McGinnis], 3.

A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society, 4; member of Greene Street, Piqua, Quarterly Conference.

William Herr, superannuate, member of Grace Church Quarterly Conference.

E. P. James, Assistant Agent American Bible Society, 1; member of Gordon Quarterly Conference.

George H. Smith, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

G. H. DART, Presiding Elder, 5.

P. O., Hamilton, O.

Bethany.....Frank Leever, 1.
Camden.....D. A. McCollm, 1.
Carthage and Elmwood Place—
 C. W. Elliott, 1.
Eaton.....J. W. Cassatt, 1.
Fair Haven.....W. M. Coffman, 1.
Franklin.....F. M. Clemans, 4.
Glendale and Sharonville—
 C. L. Chapman, 2.
Hamilton.....C. W. Gullett, 2.
Harrison.....R. G. Easley, 1.
Hartwell.....Howard Henderson.
Lebanon.....W. L. Hypes, 2.
Lebanon Circuit.....To be supplied.
Lockland-Wyoming (Wyoming)—
 J. F. Marlay, 2.
Mason.....J. T. Bail, 3.
Middletown.....J. L. Shively, 1.
Monroe.....Creighton Wones, 3.

Montgomery.....Thomas Cundy, 1.
Oxford.....E. H. Cherington, 1.
Pleasant Ridge and Bond Hill—

U. G. Humphrey, 1.

Port Union (Stockton) Jas. Stephenson, 1.
Red Lion.....G. T. Perry, 1.
Seven Mile.....Andrew Hamilton, 1.
Springboro.....W. H. Wehrly, 1.
Venice (Ross).....J. A. Winkler, 3.
Walker and Union.....A. K. Stabler, 1.
West Chester.....C. H. Kalbfus, 3.
 Thos. Collett, Financial Secretary of Preachers' Relief Society, 4; member of Middletown Quarterly Conference.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

WM. RUNYAN, Presiding Elder, 5.

P. O., Hillsboro, O.

Belfast (Bell).....Charles Hartley, 3.
Blanchester.....[C. L. Winget], 2.
Bowersville.....O. D. Becker, 2.
Butler (Edenton)...To be supplied.
Clarksburg.....J. A. Easton, 1.
Goshen.....E. T. Lane, 1.
Greenfield.....Edmund Burdsall, 5.
Hillsboro.....James Murray, 4.
Hillsboro Circuit (Samantha)—

J. H. Middleton, 1.

Leesburg.....J. F. McCollm, 1.
Loveland.....[E. R. King], 2.
Lynchburg.....G. P. Austin, 3.
Maineville.....J. F. Loyd, 1.
Martinsville.....[J. M. Roberts], 2.
Morrow.....Cyrus M. Van Pelt, 2.
New Burlington.....Philip Trout, 1.
Newtown.....A. T. Cowgill, 3.
New Vienna & Lexington...R. K. Deem, 2.
Rainsboro.....W. J. Baker, 2.
Sabina.....L. M. Davis, 3.
Sinking Spring.....H. G. Curles, 1.
South Lebanon.....W. E. Spurrier, 2.
Sugar Tree Ridge.....J. H. Davis, 2.
Union (Spring Valley)—

J. E. H. Sentman, 1.

Waynesville.....C. L. Conger, 2.
Wilmington.....H. D. Ketcham, 3.
 M. Dustin, Agent of Conference Temperance Society, 3; member of Maineville Quarterly Conference.

RIPLEY DISTRICT.

J. W. MASON, Presiding Elder, 3.

P. O., Georgetown, O.

Aberdeen.....[David W. Clark.]
Amelia.....G. M. Fulton, 4.
Batavia.....J. P. Shultz, 2.
Bethel.....C. W. Briggs, 1.
Blue Creek.....[O. W. Dyer.]
Centenary (Owensville).....W. S. Gray.
Chilo.....A. G. Newton, 1.
Decatur.....Ira E. Price, 2.
Feesburg.....[Samuel Given], 1.
Felicity.....J. S. Whitney, 3.
Georgetown.....S. B. Smith, 3.
Jacksonville (Dunbarton)—
 [A. D. Singer], 1.
Laurel.....J. F. Laird, 2.
Manchester.....M. B. Fuller, 1.
Marathon.....[J. W. Burdsall], 1.
Milford.....L. F. Van Cleve, 2.
Moscow.....John Wilson, 3.
Mt. Orab and Sardinia—
 [T. W. Williamson], 2.
New Richmond.....Frank E. Vance, 1.
Olive Branch (Summerside)—
 L. O. Deputy, 3.
Owensville and Newtonville..C. J. Wells, 3.
Ripley.....Henry Witham, 1.
West Union.....S. W. Campbell, 2.
Williamsburg.....W. H. Sutherland, 4.
Williamsburg Circuit...F. C. English, 1.
Winchester.....W. P. Jackson, 3.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

F. G. MITCHELL, Presiding Elder, 6.

P. O., Springfield, O.

Catawba.....J. A. White, 5.
Cedarrville.....G. L. Tufts, 3.
Dialton.....J. E. Abrams, 2.
Jamestown.....J. S. Pumphrey, 4.
King's Creek.....Thos. G. Williams, 1.
Mechanicsburg.....D. D. Cheney, 1.
Mutual.....I. C. Page, 2.
New Carlisle.....W. C. Helt, 2.
New Jasper.....W. R. Dudley, 3.
New Moorefield.....O. M. Sellers, 3.

South Charleston.....B. D. Hypes, 1.*South Charleston Circuit*..R. S. McColm, 2.**SPRINGFIELD :**

Central.....C. W. Barnes, 2.
Grace.....A. C. Turrell, 1.
High Street.....A. H. Lucas, 1.
St. Paul.....G. W. Dubois, 2.
Tremont City (Westville)—
 C. D. Munsey, 2.

URBANA :

First Church.....J. P. Porter, 3.
Grace.....S. O. Royal, 4.

XENIA :

First Church.....T. H. Pearne, 2.
Trinity.....D. C. Vance, 1.
Yellow Springs.....H. C. Middleton, 2.
 L. D. McCabe, Professor of Philosophy
 in Ohio Wesleyan University, 47;
 member of High Street, Springfield,
 Quarterly Conference.

Charles W. Drees, Superintendent of
Missions in South America, 5.Lucien Clark, Assistant Editor of
Christian Advocate, 4; member of
First Church, Xenia, Quarterly Con-
ference.R. J. Wyckoff left without appoint-
ment to attend one of our schools.**CHILI DISTRICT.**

J. P. GILLILAND, Presiding Elder, 2.

Concepcion—

G. F. Arms, 2; one to be supplied.
Coquimbo (English Ch.)—

R. D. Powell, 2.
Coquimbo (Spanish Ch.)..To be supplied.
Iquique (English and Bethel Work)—

James Bengé, 2.
Iquique (Spanish).....To be supplied.
Serena (Spanish)—

Juan Canut de Bon, 2.
Valparaiso (Spanish)...[A. J. Vidaure.]
 I. H. La Fetra, President Santiago Col-
 lege, 2.

G. F. Arms, President Concepcion
College, 2.Harry Compton, left without appoint-
ment to attend some one of our
schools.

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

W. H. BLACK.....	McKendree, Washington, D. C., Quarterly Conf.
W. Q. SHANNON.....	First Church, Xenia, Quarterly Conference.
SILAS BENNETT.....	Bellefontaine Quarterly Conference.
GEO. P. BETHEL.....	Town Street, Columbus, Quarterly Conference.
A. F. DALBEY.....	Washington C. H. Quarterly Conference.
S. D. CLAYTON.....	Dayton, O., Grace Quarterly Conference.
W. B. MOLER.....	Springfield, O., Quarterly Conference.
S. W. EDMISTON.....	Decatur Quarterly Conference.
W. G. WARNER.....	New Richmond Quarterly Conference.
S. A. KEEN.....	Delaware, O., Quarterly Conference.
G. L. TRAVIS.....	Germantown Quarterly Conference.
J. L. GLASCOCK.....	Eaton Quarterly Conference.
S. B. RICKETTS.....	Raper, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.
F. W. HYPES.....	Owensville Quarterly Conference.
J. S. RUGGLES.....	Aberdeen Quarterly Conference.
R. E. SMITH.....	Livingston, Montana, Quarterly Conference.
G. T. WEAVER.....	Goshen Quarterly Conference.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

J. L. GROVER.....	Broad Street, Columbus, Quarterly Conference.
R. A. ARTHUR.....	Addison, West Va., Quarterly Conference.
W. E. HINES.....	Williamsburg Quarterly Conference.
J. W. KEELY.....	Oxford Quarterly Conference.
W. N. MAXEY.....	Lynchburg Quarterly Conference.
J. I. TAGGART.....	Rainsboro Quarterly Conference.
W. J. QUARRY.....	Felicity Quarterly Conference.
W. T. McMULLEN.....	Owensville Quarterly Conference.
N. W. DARLINGTON.....	West Union Quarterly Conference.
B. GLASCOCK.....	Muncie, Ind., Quarterly Conference.
M. KAUFFMAN.....	St. Paul, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.
W. HERR.....	Grace, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.
ADAM MILLER.....	Clark Street, Chicago, Ill., Quarterly Conference
W. N. WILLIAMS.....	Broadway, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.
A. M. GRIFFITH.....	Sabina Quarterly Conference.
W. B. JACKSON.....	First Church, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
J. F. CONREY.....	Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
WESLEY WEBSTER.....	South Charleston Quarterly Conference.
D. H. SARGENT.....	Lebanon Quarterly Conference.
S. N. MARSH.....	San Fernando, Cal., Quarterly Conference.
J. F. HULL.....	Rowland, Ala., Quarterly Conference.
T. E. FIDLER.....	Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
E. C. SMITH.....	Cleves Quarterly Conference.
J. G. BLACK.....	New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.
H. M. KECK.....	Hamilton Quarterly Conference.
M. P. ZINK.....	Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
G. M. EDGAR.....	Wilmington Quarterly Conference.
TIMOTHY WONES.....	Central, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.
GEORGE W. FEE.....	Mt. Orab Quarterly Conference.
HENRY STOKES.....	Newtown Quarterly Conference.
JOHN L. GREGG.....	Manhattan, Kansas, Quarterly Conference.
JOHN VANCE.....	New Moorefield, Quarterly Conference.
S. W. CAREY.....	Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
THOMAS J. HARRIS.....	Norwood Quarterly Conference.

III.

DIRECTORY.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY.		Consecrated Bishops.	RESIDENCE.
		Conference.	Y'r		
THOMAS BOWMAN.....	July 15, 1817	Baltimore.....	1839	1872	St. Louis, Mo.
RANDOLPH S. FOSTER.....	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio	1837	1872	Boston, Mass.
STEPHEN M. MERRILL.....	Sep. 16, 1825	Ohio	1846	1872	Chicago, Ill.
EDWARD G. ANDREWS.....	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida.....	1848	1872	New York, N. Y.
HENRY W. WARREN.....	Jan. 4, 1831	New England	1855	1880	Denver, Colo.
CYRUS D. FOSS.....	Jan. 17, 1834	New York.....	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
JOHN F. HURST.....	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark.....	1859	1880	Washington, D. C.
WILLIAM X. NINDE.....	June 21, 1832	Black River.....	1856	1884	Topeka, Kan.
JOHN M. WALDEN.....	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati.....	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
WILLARD F. MALLALIEU.....	Dec. 11, 1828	New England.....	1858	1884	New Orleans, La.
CHARLES H. FOWLER.....	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River.....	1861	1884	San Francisco, Cal.
WILLIAM TAYLOR.....	May 2, 1821	Baltimore.....	1843	1884	Bishop of Africa.
JOHN H. VINCENT.....	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey.....	1853	1888	Buffalo, N. Y.
JAMES N. FITZGERALD.....	—, 1838	Newark.....	1862	1888	Minneapolis, Minn.
ISAAC W. JOYCE.....	Oct. 11, 1836	N.W. Indiana.....	1859	1888	Chattanooga, Tenn.
JOHN P. NEWMAN.....	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida.....	1848	1888	Omaha, Neb.
DANIEL A. GOODSSELL.....	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East.....	1859	1888	Fort Worth, Texas.
JAMES M. THOBURN.....	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg.....	1855	1888	Calcutta, India.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF PREACHERS.

NOTE.—P. O. Address same as appointment, except where indicated.

NAME.	Year Rec'd.	APPOINTMENT.	POST-OFFICE.	STATE.
Abrams, James E.	1891	.....	Dialton.....	Ohio.
Arthur, Richard A.....	1840	Superannuate	Addison	W. Va.
Arms, George F.....	1890	Concepcion.....	.....	Chili, S.A.
Aultman, D. Lee.....	1875	Ag't Freedmen's Aid	190 W. 4th St., Cin'ti	Ohio.
Austin, Alpheus B.....	1888	Ivanhoe.....	.....	Ohio.
Austin, Gilbert P.....	1885	Lynchburg .....	.....	Ohio.
Bail, James T.....	1850	Mason.....	.....	Ohio.
Baker, William J.....	1876	Rainsboro.....	.....	Ohio.
Barnes, Charles W.....	1883	Central Church.....	Springfield.....	Ohio.
Bashford, J. W.....	1878	President O. W. U.....	Delaware,	Ohio.
Beall, Alfred U.....	1852	Cheviot.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.
Becker, Oren D.....	1890	Bowersville.....	.....	Ohio.
Bennett, Silas.....	1852	Supernumerary.....	Bellefontaine	Ohio.
Bethel, George P.....	1888	Supernumerary.....	Columbus.....	Ohio.
Black, John G.....	1858	Superannuate.....	New Carlisle.....	Ohio.
Black, William H.....	1852	Supernumerary.....	Washington.....	D. C.
Bowers, Adam.....	1857	P. E. Dayton District	Dayton.....	Ohio.
Briggs, Charles W.....	1889	Bethel.....	.....	Ohio.
Brown, Charles R.....	1891	Wesley Chapel.....	Cincinnati	Ohio.
Brown, Valorous F.....	1881	Troy .....	.....	Ohio.
Brown, Wm. K.....	1858	Pres't Wesleyan Col'g	Cincinnati	Ohio.
Burdsall, Edmund.....	1872	Greenfield.....	.....	Ohio.
Campbell, Samuel W....	1888	West Union .....	.....	Ohio.
Carey, Samuel W.....	1860	Superannuate	Urbana	Ohio.

NAME.	Year Rec'd.	APPOINTMENT.	POST-OFFICE.	STATE.
Cassatt, John W.....	1852	Eaton.....	.....	Ohio.
Cheney, David D.....	1872	Mechanicsburg.....	.....	Ohio.
Cherington, Edgar H....	1884	Oxford.....	.....	Ohio.
Clark, Davis W.....	1877	Raper Chapel.....	Dayton.....	Ohio.
Clark, Lucien.....	1865	Assistant Editor.....	150 5th Ave., New York	N. Y.
Clayton, Samuel D.....	1849	Supernumerary.....	Dayton.....	Ohio.
Clemans, Francis M....	1868	Franklin.....	.....	Ohio.
Collett, Thomas.....	1852	Ag't Preachers' Rel'f So.	Middletown.....	Ohio.
Conger, Chas. L.....	1880	Waynesville.....	.....	Ohio.
Conrey, J. Ford.....	1839	Superannuate.....	Urbana.....	Ohio.
Cowden, Truman S.....	1848	York Street.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.
Cowgill, Amos T.....	1887	Newtown.....	.....	Ohio.
Cramer, Michael J.....	1862	Editor German <i>Theological Review</i>	East Orange.....	N. J.
Crum, Carey T.....	1869	West Alexandria.....	.....	Ohio.
Cundy, Thomas.....	1876	Montgomery.....	.....	Ohio.
Curnick, Paul C.....	1891	Price Hill.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.
Dalbey, Albert F.....	1880	Supernumerary.....	Washington C. H.....	Ohio.
Dalbey, John L.....	1885	Christiansburg.....	.....	Ohio.
Dart, George H.....	1858	P. E. Hamilton District	Hamilton.....	Ohio.
Darlington, Newton W..	1860	Superannuate.....	West Union.....	Ohio.
Davis, John H.....	1876	Sugar Tree Ridge.....	.....	Ohio.
Davis, Lucien M.....	1873	Sabina.....	.....	Ohio.
Deem, Reuben K.....	1865	N'w Vienna & Lexingt'n	New Vienna.....	Ohio.
Deputy, Leonidas, O....	1882	Olive Branch.....	Summerside.....	Ohio.
Drees, Charles W.....	1876	Superintend't Missions.	Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic.....	S. A.
Dubois, George W.....	1877	St. Paul.....	Springfield.....	Ohio.
Dudley, Wm. R.....	1887	New Jasper.....	.....	Ohio.
Dustin, Mighill.....	1838	Agent Conf. Temp. Soc.	Maineville.....	Ohio.
Easley, Robert G.....	1881	Harrison.....	.....	Ohio.
Easton, George S.....	1884	Addyston.....	.....	Ohio.
Easton, John A.....	1876	Clarksville.....	.....	Ohio.
Edgar, George M.....	1857	Superannuate.....	Wilmington.....	Ohio.
Edmiston, Sullivan W..	1859	Supernumerary.....	Winchester.....	Ohio.
Elliot, Calvin W.....	1890	Carthage and Elmwood	Carthage.....	Ohio.
Fee, George W.....	1869	Superannuate.....	Mt. Orab.....	Ohio.
Fee, William L.....	1844	Grace.....	Piqua.....	Ohio.
Fidler, Thornton E.....	1861	Superannuate.....	Urbana.....	Ohio.
Fulton, George M.....	1886	Amelia.....	.....	Ohio.
Gaddis, Eugene S.....	1890	Pendleton.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.
Gaddis, John W.....	1876	Centerville.....	.....	Ohio.
Glascock, Benjamin....	1851	Superannuate.....	Muncie.....	Ind.
Glascock, James L.....	1884	Supernumerary.....	.....	Ohio.
Gregg, John L.....	1858	Superannuate.....	Manhattan.....	Kan.
Griffith, Absalom M....	1865	Superannuate.....	Sabina.....	Ohio.
Grover, James L.....	1837	Superannuate.....	Columbus.....	Ohio.
Gullett, Charles W.....	1877	Hamilton.....	.....	Ohio.
Haines, Charles H.....	1882	Broadway.....	Dayton.....	Ohio.
Hamilton, Andrew.....	1868	Seven Mile.....	.....	Ohio.
Harris, Thomas J.....	1862	Superannuate.....	Norwood.....	Ohio.
Hartley, Charles.....	1890	Belfast.....	Bell.....	Ohio.
Helt, Winfield C.....	1883	New Carlisle.....	.....	Ohio.
Henderson, H. A. M....	1858	Hartwell.....	.....	Ohio.
Herr, William.....	1830	Superannuate.....	Dayton.....	Ohio.
Hershey, Henry.....	1890	Mission Circuit.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.
Hickman, J. W.....	1880	Cleves.....	Ohio.
Hines, Wm. E.....	1856	Superannuate.....	Williamsburg.....	Ohio.

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NAME.	Year Rec'd	APPOINTMENT.	POST-OFFICE.	STATE.
Hull, John F.....	1866	Superannuate.....	Rowland	Ala.
Hunter, J. Raper.....	1870	Tippecanoe City.....	.....	Ohio.
Hypes, Benj. D.....	1881	South Charleston.....	.....	Ohio.
Hypes, Fletcher W.....	1859	Supernumerary	Owensville	Ohio.
Hypes, William L.....	1851	Lebanon.....	.....	Ohio.
Jackson, William B....	1849	Superannuate.....	Urbana	Ohio.
Jackson, William P....	1862	Winchester.....	.....	Ohio.
James, Evan P.....	1858	Agent Bible Society....	Delaware.....	Ohio.
Kalbfus, Charles H....	1873	West Chester.....	.....	Ohio.
Kauffman, Michael.....	1850	Superannuate.....	Springfield	Ohio.
Keck, Henry M.....	1858	Superannuate.....	Hamilton.....	Ohio.
Keely, John W.....	1845	Superannuate.....	Oxford.....	Ohio.
Keen, Samuel A.....	1870	Supernumerary	Delaware.....	Ohio.
Kelley, George W.....	1855	Wright Chapel.....	Cincinnati	Ohio.
Ketcham, Heber D.....	1886	Wilmingon.....	.....	Ohio.
Ketcham, Merrick E....	1884	Miamisburg .....	.....	Ohio.
Kirgan, Francis M.....	1882	Mt. Washington.....	.....	Ohio.
Kugler, M. M.....	1877	Winton Place.....	.....	Ohio.
Laird, John F.....	1887	Laurel .....	.....	Ohio.
Lane, Edward T.....	1881	Goshen .....	.....	Ohio.
Lease, John H.....	1871	Mt. Lookout.....	Cincinnati	Ohio.
Leever, Frank.....	1878	Bethany .....	.....	Ohio.
Leonard, Adna B.....	1852	Sec'y Missionary Soc'y..	150 5th Ave., New York	N. Y.
LeSourd, Marion.....	1883	Christie Chapel.....	35 Wesley Ave., Cin'ti	Ohio.
Lewis, Edward S.....	1886	Trinity	Cincinnati	Ohio.
Lowrey, Asbury.....	1842	Editor <i>Divine Life</i>	150 5th Ave., New York	N. Y.
Loyd, John F.....	1851	Maineville.....	.....	Ohio.
Lucas, A. H.....	1885	High Street.....	Springfield	Ohio.
Maddox, Allen D.....	1877	Fairmount.....	Cincinnati	Ohio.
Marlay, John F.....	1852	Lockland-Wyoming.....	Wyoming.....	Ohio.
Marsh, Seren N.....	1871	Superannuate.....	Box 1445, Fresno.....	Cal.
Mason, John W.....	1858	P. E. Ripley District....	Georgetown	Ohio.
Maxey, Wm. N.....	1857	Superannuate.....	Lynchburg.....	Ohio.
Macafee, William.....	1878	Grace Church.....	Dayton.....	Ohio.
McCabe, John J.....	1884	Mt. Auburn.....	Cincinnati	Ohio.
McCabe, Lorenzo D....	1847	Professor of Philosophy	Delaware.....	Ohio.
McChesney, Simon.....	.....	Walnut Hills.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.
McColm, David A.....	1880	Camden.....	.....	Ohio.
McColm, James F.....	1876	Leesburg.....	.....	Ohio.
McColm, Reuben S.....	1891	South Charleston Circ't	South Charleston.....	Ohio.
McHugh, Edwin.....	1858	McKendree.....	Cincinnati	Ohio.
McMullen, Wm. T.....	1865	Superannuate	Owensville.....	Ohio.
Middleton, Homer C....	1865	Yellow Springs.....	.....	Ohio.
Middleton, John H.....	1858	Hillsboro Circuit.....	Samantha.....	Ohio.
Miller, Adam.....	1833	Superannuate.....	Chicago	Ill.
Miller, Henry.....	1872	Fairfield.....	.....	Ohio.
Mitchell, Frank G.....	1869	P. E. Springfield Dist'ct	Springfield	Ohio.
Morris, George K.....	1860	St. Paul.....	Cincinnati	Ohio.
Moler, Wm. B.....	1858	Supernumerary.....	Springfield	Ohio.
Munsey, Canaro D.....	1881	Tremont City.....	Westville	Ohio.
Murray, James.....	1867	Hillsboro.....	.....	Ohio.
Newton, Abbott G.....	1890	Chilo .....	.....	Ohio.
Page, Isaac C.....	1890	Mutual.....	.....	Ohio.
Payne, Charles H.....	1857	Sec'y Education Soc'y..	150 5th Ave., New York	N. Y.
Pearne, Thomas H.....	1841	First Church.....	Xenia.....	Ohio.
Pearson, John.....	1867	P. E. Cincinnati Dist'ct	Mt. Auburn, Cin'ti.....	Ohio.
Peters, John W.....	1868	Grace, Avondale.....	Cincinnati	Ohio.
Porter, James P.....	1866	First Chnrch	Urbana	Ohio.

NAME.	Year Rec'd.	APPOINTMENT.	POST-OFFICE.	STATE.
Powell, Rowland D.....	.....	Coquimbo.....	.....	S. A.
Price, Ira C.....	1890	Decatur.....	.....	Ohio.
Pumphrey, John S.....	1865	Jamestown.....	.....	Ohio.
Quarry, Wm. J.....	1848	Superannuate.....	Felicity.....	Ohio.
Ricketts, Samuel B.....	1880	Supernumerary.....	Dayton.....	Ohio.
Rishell, Charles W.....	1878	Asbury.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.
Royal, Stanley O.....	1879	Grace Church.....	Urbana.....	Ohio.
Ruggles, James S.....	1877	Supernumerary.....	Aberdeen.....	Ohio.
Runyan, William.....	1865	P. E. Hillsboro Dist..	Hillsboro.....	Ohio.
Rust, Richard S.....	1844	Agt. Ohio Wes. Univ.	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.
Rust, Richard H.....	1870	Supernumerary.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.
Sargent, David H.....	1846	Superannuate.....	Lebanon.....	Ohio.
Sellers, Owen M.....	1889	New Moorefield.....	.....	Ohio.
Sentman, Jacob E. H..	1877	Union.....	Spring Valley.....	Ohio.
Shannon, Wm. Q.....	1853	Supernumerary.....	Xenia.....	Ohio.
Shively, Jacob L.....	1886	Middletown.....	Middletown.....	Ohio.
Shorten, John W.....	1887	Mission Circuit.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.
Shultz, J. McKendree..	1862	Arcanum.....	.....	Ohio.
Shultz, James P.....	1859	Batavia.....	.....	Ohio.
Smith, Elisha C.....	1872	Superannuate.....	Cleves.....	Ohio.
Smith, Randolph E.....	1868	Supernumerary.....	Livingston.....	Mont.
Smith, Samuel B.....	1844	Georgetown.....	.....	Ohio.
Spahr, Albert N.....	1857	Greenville.....	.....	Ohio.
Starr, David J.....	1858	Pearl Street.....	90 W. 4th st, Cin'ti.	Ohio.
Stephenson, James....	1862	Port Union.....	Stockton.....	Ohio.
Stokes, Henry.....	1854	Superannuate.....	Ripley.....	Ohio.
Story, John A.....	1879	Madisonville.....	.....	Ohio.
Sutherland, Wm. H....	1845	Williamsburg.....	.....	Ohio.
Taggart, Joseph I.....	1877	Superannuate.....	Rainsboro.....	Ohio.
Travis, Gilbert L.....	1877	Supernumerary.....	Germantown.....	Ohio.
Tufts, George L.....	1886	Cedarville.....	.....	Ohio.
Vance, David C.....	1866	Trinity.....	Xenia.....	Ohio.
Vance, Frank E.....	1890	New Richmond.....	.....	Ohio.
Vance, John.....	1856	Superannuate.....	New Moorefield.....	Ohio.
Van Cleve, La Fayette	1850	Milford.....	.....	Ohio.
Vaughan, John G.....	1884	St. Paul.....	Dayton.....	Ohio.
Verity, Jonathan.....	1862	Trinity.....	Dayton.....	Ohio.
Warner, Wilbur G.....	1885	Supernumerary.....	.....	Ohio.
Washburn, DeWitt C..	1883	Columbia.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.
Weakley, Henry C.....	1879	Sec. Deaconess Work,	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.
Weaver, George T.....	1865	Supernumerary.....	.....	Ohio.
Webster, Wesley.....	1844	Superannuate.....	South Charleston....	Ohio.
Weeks, Sylvester.....	1860	Delhi.....	.....	Ohio.
Wells, Charles J.....	1873	Owensville and New- tonville.....	Owensville.....	Ohio.
Wells, Edward T.....	1869	Piqua.....	.....	Ohio.
West, William N.....	1873	Brandt.....	.....	Ohio.
White, John A.....	1879	Catawba.....	.....	Ohio.
Whitney, James S.....	1872	Felicity.....	.....	Ohio.
Williams, Thomas G....	1890	King's Creek.....	.....	Ohio.
Williams, William N....	1855	Superannuate.....	Dayton.....	Ohio.
Wilson, John.....	1872	Moscow.....	.....	Ohio.
Witham, Henry.....	1879	Ripley.....	.....	Ohio.
Wones, Creighton.....	1884	Monroe.....	.....	Ohio.
Wones, Timothy.....	1854	Superannuate.....	Springfield.....	Ohio.
Young, Lafayette.....	1873	St. John.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.
Zink, Milton P.....	1851	Superannuate.....	Hillsboro.....	Ohio.

PROBATIONERS.

Class of the Second Year.

NAME.	APPOINTMENT.	POST-OFFICE.	STATE.
English, Frank C.....	Williamsburg Circuit.....	.....	Ohio.
Gilliland, Jas. P.....	P. E. Chili District, S. A...	Santiago.....	S. A.
Gray, Walter S.....	Centenary.....	Owensville.....	Ohio.
Hill, James R.....	Covington.....	.....	S. A.
La Petra, Ira H.....	Pres't Santiago College....	Santiago, Chili.....	Ohio.
Nine, John P.....	Concord.....	.....	Ohio.
Perry, George T.....	Red Lion.....	.....	Ohio.
Roughton, Gervaise...	Finley Chapel.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.
Spurrier, Wm. E.....	South Lebanon.....	.....	Ohio.
Trout, Philip.....	New Burlington.....	.....	Ohio.
Van Pelt, Cyrus M.....	Morrow.....	.....	Ohio.

Class of the First Year.

Brokaw, A. L.....	Troy Circuit.....	Troy.....	Ohio.
Chapman, Charles L...	Glendale and Sharonville.	Glendale.....	Ohio.
Coffman, Wm. M.....	Fair Haven.....	.....	Ohio.
Compton, Harry.....	Without appointment—at	school.....	.....
Curles, Homer G.....	Sinking Springs.....	.....	Ohio.
Deaton, Wm. A.....	Germantown.....	.....	Ohio.
Fuller, Marcellus B....	Manchester.....	.....	Ohio.
Humphrey, Ulysses G.	Pleasant Ridge & Bond Hill	Pleasant Ridge.....	Ohio.
Morris, George V.....	Norwood.....	.....	Ohio.
Perry, Marcus L.....	Gordon.....	.....	Ohio.
Smith, George H.....	Without appointment—at	school.....	.....
Stabler, Alvin K.....	Walker and Union.....	Reiley.....	Ohio.
Turrell, Albert C.....	Grace.....	Springfield.....	Ohio.
Vorhis, George W.....	New Madison.....	.....	Ohio.
Wehrly, Wm. H.....	Springboro.....	.....	Ohio.
Winkler, John A.....	Venice.....	Ross.....	Ohio.
Wyckoff, Rufus J.....	Without appointment—at	school.....	.....

WIDOWS OF DECEASED PREACHERS.

BAKER, Mrs. M. G.....	Xenia, O.
BAYLISS, Mrs. J. H.....	743 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, Ill.
BOYER, Mrs. W. M.....	Manchester, O.
BREWSTER, Mrs. S. A.....	Springfield, O.
CALLAHAN, Mrs. D.....	Hillsboro, O.
CHALFANT, Mrs. J. F.....	Springdale, O.
CONREY, Mrs. S. F.....	111 Grace Street, Syracuse, N. Y.
CRUM, Mrs. G. C.....	Xenia, O.
CURRY, Mrs. H. M.....	Hartwell, O.
ELLSWORTH, Mrs. J. B.....	Xenia, O.
ELLSWORTH, Mrs. W. I.....	Springfield, O.
FERGUSON, Mrs. C.....	1405 Dakota Street, Dayton, O.
FIELD, Mrs. E. H.....	St. Paris, O.
FOWBLE, Mrs. J. W.....	New Moorefield, O.

FYFFE, Mrs. W. H.....	Batavia, O.
GADDIS, Mrs. M. P.....	Dayton, O.
HALL, Mrs. JESSE.....	Newport, Ky.
HILL, Mrs. J. J.....	Lebanon, O.
HOUSE, Mrs. ERWIN.....	Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O.
IRVIN, Mrs. J. N.....	Tecumseh Street, Dayton, O.
KALBFUS, Mrs. C.....	Frostburg, Md.
KENNEDY, Mrs. G. H.....	Tippecanoe, O.
KETCHAM, Mrs. C. W.....	Wilmington, O.
KIRK, Mrs. ELI.....	St. Paris, O.
LEE, Mrs. THOS.....	Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O.
LOVELL, Mrs. CHAS. R.....	Hamilton, O.
MAHON, Mrs. WM.....	Cheviot, O.
MATHEWS, Mrs. J. MCD.....	Hillsboro, O.
MEREDITH, Mrs. C. G.....	Springfield, O.
MIESSE, Mrs. WM. H.....	1333 Otis Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
MILLER, Mrs. L. P.....	Madisonville, O.
MORROW, Mrs. W.....	1337 Q St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
MUSGROVE, Mrs. A.....	Christiansburg, O.
MCCLELLAND, Mrs. J. F.....	.....
MCDONALD, Mrs. N.....	Springfield, O.
NEWSON, Mrs. JOS.....	New Carlisle, O.
PEREGRINE, Mrs. J. S.....	Winona, Minn.
PURKHIZER, Mrs. M. G.....	Dallas, O.
ROBINSON, Mrs. J. M.....	Indianapolis, Ind.
SHINN, Mrs. JOHN.....	Marysville, O.
SMITH, Mrs. JAMES.....	675 N. Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Ind.
STONE, Mrs. J. W.....	Waverly, Iowa.
TIBBITTS, Mrs. A. W.....	Jamestown, O.
TOMLINSON, Mrs. J. S.....	276 Irving Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
WARNOCK, Mrs. D.....	Urbana, O.
WEAKLEY, Mrs. J. W.....	Mt. Washington, O.
WEST, Mrs. E. G.....	Urbana, O.
WHITMER, Mrs. D.....	Orient Hill, Xenia, O.

SUMMARY.

No. MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE—

Superannuate	34
Supernumerary	17
Effective	143
Total	194
PROBATIONERS—Second Year.....	11
First Year.....	17
WIDOWS.....	48

LOCAL PREACHERS.

[Names in **SMALL CAPITALS** are **ELDERS**; in *italics* are *Deacons*; in Roman letters are Licentiates. All Local Preachers should furnish their names, orders, and post-offices to their presiding elders for the next Conference.]

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Asken, Robert, Cincinnati, O.
 Carmichel, Cincinnati, O.
 Clark, David W., Cincinnati, O.
 CONNELL, V., Madisonville, O.
 CURME, ARTHUR A., Cincinnati, O.
Davis, William B., Cincinnati, O.
 Gilson, W. H., Cincinnati, O.
 HAMMELL, G. M., Cincinnati, O.
 Hartley, William, Riverside, O.
 KEYES, E. D.
 KILBREATH, J. P., Cincinnati, O.
 LEONARD, J. M., Cincinnati, O.
Locke, J. H., Winton Place, O.
 McComas, R. P., Madisonville, O.
 Meyers, Clifford, Cincinnati, O.
 MOORE, A. L., Cincinnati, O.
 Rogers, Jas. H., Cincinnati, O.
 Rowland, Chas. W., Cincinnati, O.
 Spraul, Chas. W.
 Shallcross, Chas. C., Mt. Washington, O.
 Vaughn, Chas. E., Cincinnati, O.
 Wilson, Geo. S.
 Wolff, Lewis W., Cincinnati, O.
 Zentmeyer, Samuel, Cincinnati, O.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

ALBRIGHT, S. P., Sonora, O.
 Beery, J. E., Evanston, Ill.
Bennett, C. W., Piqua, O.
 Brewlsford, Wm., Dayton, O.
 Clutch, David, Alcony, O.
 COKE, J. E., Arcanum, O.
 Cunningham, J., Gratis, O.
Dille, W. R., Dayton, O.
 Gudgeon, H. W., Jacksonburg, O.
 Heard, Dr. Thos., Troy, O.
 Howard, Jas., West Milton, O.
Herr, David, Union O.
 HILL, W. T., Enon, O.

Hoover, Wm. A., Dayton, O.
Hornaday, N., West Elkton, O.
Howren, A. L., Dayton, O.
 Hubbell, J. R., Fairfield, O.
 Jaquish, E. L., Dayton, O.
Jenkinson, J. A., New Paris, O.
 Jones, T. S., Dayton, O.
 Jones, Jesse E., Hollingsburg, O.
 MANNING, J. W., Dayton, O.
 Martz, Geo., Greenville, O.
Morris, Richard W., New Carlisle, O.
 Pierce, W. W., Gordon, O.
 POLING, WM. B., Dayton, O.
Raynor, William, Piqua, O.
 Rozell, J., Troy, O.
 Schowers, Abram, West Elkton, O.
Scott, Samuel, Dayton, O.
 Smith, Dr. S. D., Piqua, O.
 Staley, D., Miamisburg, O.
 Thompson, C. W., Pleasant Hill, O.
 Voris, J. S., Dayton, O.
 Wells, T. B., Tippecanoe City, O.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

CASTLE, JAS. A., Bethany, O.
 Ellis, Seth H., Springboro, O.
 Grennan, L. E., Oxford, O.
 HAGEMAN, R. S., Camp Hagerman, O.
 Howell, Eli S., Seven Mile, O.
 Johnson, Hiram, Eaton, O.
 Maulsbury, John, Montgomery, O.
 McCLUNG, JOHN M., Bethany, O.
McCord, Wm., Oxford, O.
 PAYNE, DR. J. H., Middletown, O.
 Surface, J. E., Lebanon, O.
Thompson, E. B., Brecon, O.
Vigeon, Robt., Wyoming, O.
 Ware, T. J., Pleasant Ridge, O.
 WARRINGTON, W. B., Middletown, O.
 WRIGHT, HENRY W., Pleasant Ridge, O.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Bell, Sheridan, Xenia, O.
 Belt, Jos. L., Bellbrook, O.
Bowers, C. C., Port William, O.
Burba, Sanford, Emerald, O.
 Craig, S. L., Oakland, O.
 Curles, A., Blanchester, O.
 Fenton, J. W., Hillsboro, O.
 Fulton, Robert, Lynchburg, O.
 Griffith, Wm. H., Marshall, O.
 HITE, ADDISON, Sinking Spring, O.
 Hough, W. S., Leesburg, O.
Johnson, Jacob, Bowersville, O.
 Kenneday, F., Madisonville, O.
 King, E. R., Loveland, O.
 KNOX, ELIJAH L., Samantha, O.
 LOYD, THOS. L., Westboro, O.
 Murphy, G. W., Marshall, O.
 Newcome, T. J., Lovett's, O.
 Oldaker, J. W., Russell's, O.
 Queal, Smith B., Miamiville, O.
 Redkey, Martin, Leesburg, O.
 SHADE, J. W., Hillsboro, O.
 Spahr, Gideon, Lumberton, O.
 Stewart, B. S., Samantha, O.
 STORY, ROBERT, Greenfield, O.
 Williams, G. H., Bell, O.
 Williams, E. J., Level, O.
 WINGET, C. L., Blanchester, O.

RIPLEY DISTRICT.

Burdsall, Josiah, Owensville, O.
Burdsall, J. W., Marathon, O.
 Carr, W. M., Craver, O.
Cox, E., Point Pleasant, O.
 DAILEY, DAVID, Williamsburg, O.

Darling, J. D., Bentonville, O.
Durham, John, Bethel, O.
 Ely, Charles, Hennings Mills, O.
 Given, S., Marathon, O.
Hall, W. G., Amelia, O.
Harmon, J. R., West Union, O.
 Hibben, T. R., Fruit Hill, Ham. Co., O.
Hill, J. P., Eastwood, O.
 Hill, Hezekiah, Craver, O.
 Jordan, J. M., Williamsburg, O.
Long, Jos. R., Eastwood, O.
 McMATH, JAMES, Moscow, O.
McNeilan, James, Duncanville, O.
 Moore, J. E., Felicity, O.
 PORTER, MOSES P., Ripley, O.
Sidwell, Harris, Russellville, O.
Singer, Ad. D., Blue Creek, O.
 Stevenson, Dan'l, Wamsley, O.
 Stiers, J. C., Hamersville, O.
 THOMPSON, MILTON, Mt. Orab, O.
 Thompson, Milton, Mt. Orab, O.
Tone, Thos. J., Locust Corners, O.
 WILLIAMSON, T. W., Mt. Orab, O.
 Work, C. J., Marathon, O.
 ZIMMERMAN, E., West Union, O.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Cox, Jonathan, Yellow Springs, O.
 CROW, T. D., Urbana, O.
 DEUEL, A. C., Urbana, O.
 Dudley, J. W., Springfield, O.
 GUNN, J. W., Springfield, O.
 Johnson, Levi, Urbana, O.
 Wilburn, W. D., Xenia, O.
 Wiant, W. A., Westville, O.

IV.

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT—JOHN PEARSON, P. E.

GENERAL.—The last year has been a good one on this district. Weighty difficulties are everywhere about us, but, by God's blessing on the united efforts of pastors and people, we have made substantial progress. The preaching current in our churches is unvaryingly evangelical, and frequently it is aggressively evangelistic. We have a "mourners' bench" in every church, and it is used. The spiritual experiences of our Cincinnati Methodists will compare favorably with those of Methodists anywhere and any time.

LAY VOTE.—The vote of the laity on the question of the eligibility of women to membership in the Lay Electoral and General Conferences resulted: For, 658; against, 316; total, 974, or twenty-one per cent of those who were entitled to vote.

BENEVOLENCES.—The increase of local demands, together with the depletion of many down-town charges by removal to the suburbs, makes it increasingly difficult to maintain the high plane to which our general benevolences had risen. Notwithstanding the \$7,000 to local missionary work through our Church Extension Society, and the \$6,000 to the Deaconess Home and Christ Hospital, and the five new churches built and dedicated during the year, it is still true, as the General Minutes show, that there is no city in Methodism that outranks Cincinnati in contributions to our Conference collections. In two instances the contributions to one or the other of the Women's Societies are equal to the gifts of the same Churches to the Parent Society—and in two they were double. Does this straw indicate that it were better we should have a separation of the Home and Foreign departments of our missionary work, in order that our people may freely divide their gifts as they choose? It seems so. The aggregate contributions of the District for missionary work, including the gifts to our Cincinnati Church Extension Society, the Deaconess Home and Hospital, the women's Societies, the Taylor missions, and the General Society, are over \$28,000, or about \$4.50 per member. This is an inspiration. Thank God for it! But, grand as the sum is, it is not half so much as we can do, and as we will do when we fully recognize our obligations to the unevangelized multitudes that swarm over the world, and practice such self-denial as we will not be ashamed of in heaven. Several of our Churches—notably Cheviot and Avondale—have made large advances in their benevolent contributions. Cheviot has increased two hundred and twenty-five per cent in three years, reaching \$11.50 per member. Avondale this year contributes to benevolence \$4,277, an increase of \$1,565. This charge is growing rapidly by removals to that beautiful suburb; but her \$1,600 to the Cincinnati Church Extension Society last year shows that these friends do not forget what they owe to the thousands of poor who must remain in the city. This naturally leads me to speak of city evangelization.

CITY EVANGELIZATION.—The subject has received considerable attention, both theoretically and practically. Aiding in the solution of this problem we have now three organizations in the field, in addition to what is being done in the churches. The three are: The Cincinnati Church Extension Society, the Deaconess Home (with its oldest child, Christ Hos-

pital), and the Glenn Industrial Home. All of these have come into existence within the last four years, and the last named only this last year.

The first of these, under the presidency of Mr. Jesse R. Clark, is doing a remarkable work. Last year, in addition to carrying on mission-work at three points in the city, and for six months in the German Theater, it supported its agent, Brother Shorten, paid the most of the salary of Brother Curnick at McLean, in addition to the interest on the \$5,000 debt on that property, carried the building and loan debt of Norwood, paid to the Board of Church Extension the second annual \$500 installment of the Pendleton debt, paid the interest on the Price Hill Church lot, the rent of the Colored Mission on Walnut Hills, by the liberal aid of Walnut Hills Church built the new church at O'Brienville, East Walnut Hills, and, by timely aid, made it possible to build Addyston and Riverside churches. At each mission there is a Sunday and an industrial school—the latter in charge of deaconesses; and in addition to Sunday preaching, there are held two to four other services each week. In these meetings, Brother Shorten informs me that there have been about two hundred conversions, or one-fourth of all reported to me from the district. The *City Evangelist*, published weekly by this Society, through the generous co-operation of Mr. Geo. P. Houston, a printer, has been bright, newsy, and helpful. It was edited by Rev. J. W. Shorten, assisted by Rev. P. C. Curnick. Their works praise them.

DEACONESS HOME AND CHRIST HOSPITAL.--It is impossible for me, in the brief limits of this report, to at all adequately represent the magnificent work of the Deaconess Home. Forty workers have been in the institution during the year. At present there are seven licensed deaconesses, and fourteen on probation. Forty-six whole days of work have been done in the jail and city prison; 25,610 hours' work have been given to Christ Hospital, and 3,700 hours in nursing in families, chiefly of the poor—often of the very poor. Besides this hospital and nursing work, 6,081 visits have been made to the homes of the people; and during these visits, 1,331 times has prayer been offered, and over 25,000 pages of tracts distributed. These visiting deaconesses also carry food, or other help, to any who are in need. The secretary, Rev. H. C. Weakley, has proven himself an admirable officer, everywhere doing his difficult work well, whether it was of administration or solicitation. He has been in labors abundant, doing excellent work for the institution. His reappointment as Secretary is unanimously requested by the Board of Managers. God only knows what is in store for Methodism and the world through this remarkable consecration of so many of the choice women of our Church! If we had the accommodations, we could presently double the number of our deaconesses, so generally is God laying this consecration on the hearts of our women. May God speedily open our way to enlarged and permanent facilities for both Home and Hospital!

THE GLENN INDUSTRIAL HOME.—This Home is the outgrowth of a sum of money left the Woman's Home Missionary Society by the late Wm. Glenn, of Cincinnati. It is located at 359 West Fourth Street. The lot is twenty-five by two hundred feet. The buildings consist of a brick laundry and stable, and a modern four-story stone-front dwelling-house of fifteen rooms, which cost originally \$25,000. The ladies secured the property, March, 1891, for \$12,000. The object of the Home is briefly stated to be: "To promote Christian instruction and charity, employing all agencies that may be found practicable to that end." It aims "to instruct in domestic industries, provide for mothers' meetings, reading circles, employment for the needy, train missionary candidates, provide a home for missionary workers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, while laboring in Cincinnati or its suburbs, and to furnish a depository for clothing, delicacies for the sick, and such other supplies as may be necessary for carrying on the work of the Home and of the branch missions that may be sustained in other parts of the city, under the care of the workers residing in the Home." This broad scope has not yet been fully realized, but two missionaries are doing

good service, and make an excellent report of work done among the classes needing missionary labor. The Secretary of the Society, Mrs. Dr. R. S. Rust, closes her report to me as follows: "The Home will be formally opened for missionary candidates at an early date, with competent superintendence and instruction in profitable lines of study and practice. Teachers in industrial lines—as kindergarten and kitchen-garden work—will be provided, and, as the way opens, industrial schools, mothers' meetings, and girls' meetings, and other lines of work will be inaugurated in other sections of the city." We bid this work a hearty God-speed in the wide field of our city's needy multitudes. May it do all it promises, and far more, and thus become a praise in the earth! The interblending of these three agencies, in the Christly spirit that should characterize all our work, must result in vast good to the great city and its tributary territory.

NEW CHURCHES.—Five new churches have been built and dedicated during the year. The one at Madisonville cost, for the building and furnishing, about \$20,000. This church replaces the old one that had become altogether too small to accommodate our people. The present structure is beautiful and commodious, and stands on the site of the old house. The dedication-day was one of triumph and great joy; but that might well be said of all five of the dedications. The completion of this new church at Madisonville has been, in many respects, a remarkable event. The history will never be written of the difficulties that were overcome. The pastor well deserves the cordial and unanimous invitation extended to return and serve out the last of the five years of his term. The other four new churches were in places where we never before had a church. They are: Addyston, twelve miles down the river; Riverside, just west of the corporation-line; Price Hill, in the west of the city; and O'Brienville, in East Walnut Hills. When, last year after Conference, Brother G. S. Easton went to Addyston, we had a fine lot, well located, but no church. Now, under his excellent management, we have a well-built and convenient house, which, with the lot, is worth \$5,000. We built just in time, as just now the town is passing through the usual experience of new towns when the reaction comes. But a brighter day will dawn, and we are there to help it come and greet its coming. At Riverside our people had for six years worshiped in a private house, and now greatly rejoice in the occupancy of their beautiful little church, which cost \$3,500, and, with lot, is worth \$5,000.

In O'Brienville we formerly had only a Sunday-school, but the indefatigable Dr. Keen, of Walnut Hills, held preaching service on Sunday afternoons, and during the winter a couple of weeks of revival services, while every Thursday evening he held prayer-meeting there. In all these services—Sunday-school and all—he was nobly seconded by his home Church members. Out of these grew the demand for a church. It is now one of the appointments of the Mission Circuit of the Cincinnati Church Extension Society, and valued at about \$5,000.

The beautiful church on Price Hill cost about \$10,000. It is a gem. The pastor, Brother E. S. Gaddis, deserves great credit for his unquenchable purpose to get a house of worship for that charge. With the help of as true and as energetic a little band as I have ever known, he has been abundantly successful. The house is paid for. When the lot is redeemed, the property will be worth \$16,000—a beautiful suburban church.

A new church enterprise is projected at Clifton. We should have had a church there twenty years ago. This place is the home of wealth, and the most beautiful of Cincinnati's suburbs. A large and excellently-located lot has been donated by Dr. W. B. Davis, on condition that \$20,000 toward the erection of the house be subscribed. Nearly this amount has been secured, plans have been prepared, and the work will proceed without unnecessary delay. There are over sixty members of our Church there who are waiting to organize the society. This Church will practically be another of the healthy offspring of old Trinity, and yet she will continue to renew her youth. May God give her old-time victories!

In immediate connection with the building of these churches, I mention the completion of the elegant and substantial parsonage at Winton Place. It stands in the rear of the church, but itself on the corner of two streets. It is built of stone—choice stone—and is expected to stand at least five hundred years. Brother Hanneford, the well-known architect, a member of our Church at Winton Place, has taken great pains to have everything about it as nearly perfect as possible. So far as I am acquainted I think it is the best and most convenient parsonage in the Conference. Winton Place is coming rapidly to the front among our very desirable appointments.

This year Christie completed paying for their fine parsonage on Wesley Avenue. Before God took that grand layman, James Gamble, home he let him lift heavily in securing this house, and spared him even to assist in the payment of the last note.

Amounting almost to the redemption of another church was the payment of that twenty-year-old debt on St. John's. It had several times before been paid on paper, but never till last spring in actual cash. To Brother Verity belongs the credit of planning and accomplishing this great victory. When at length he began to see the end of the debt, he had gathered such momentum that he saw his way clear to go farther. He went farther, and not only paid the \$5,250 of debt, but also put \$1,000 into very much needed improvements on the property. It is now a beautiful audience-room, and also looks clean and inviting outside in its new and triple coat of paint.

In this immediate connection I may speak of Finley. For years this Church had been dwindling. It had had such supplies as could be provided. Last year they consented to turn over their property to the Cincinnati Church Extension Society, on condition they were provided with a pastor through that organization. Brother G. Roughton, who was at last Conference admitted on trial, was appointed. God gave him the hearts of the people at once, and he has had a remarkable year. Before many months they asked the Church Extension Society to change their relation from that of a beneficiary to a contributing supporter. On evidence that they were actually standing alone, and meeting all claims for current expenses and for ministerial support, this was granted. During the year the audience-room, that had not been used for years, was cleaned, repaired, refitted, partly refurnished, and opened for worship. The house has been painted on the outside, and all claims have been met. They have paid during the year \$590 for ministerial support, \$414 for current expenses, \$1,500 on improvements, and \$69 to benevolences, a total of \$2,573! Fourteen are reported converted, nineteen received on probation, twelve into full membership, and sixteen by letter, while only four have removed. They have a Sunday-school of thirty-two officers and teachers, and two hundred and twenty-five scholars. Finley renews its youth. Praise the Lord!

Cleves has also met with a transformation. God gave Brother Hickman a gracious revival, when seventy-five professed conversion, one hundred and seventeen united on probation, and eleven joined by letter. Since then good work has been done in beautifying the church.

Pearl Street has also spent considerable money in refittings, and had along all lines a good year, the best for a long time.

Wesley has this year roofed its great building, and spent a good deal on other repairs. Its finances have not been in as good condition in many years.

At Camp Washington the great sum of \$2,617 is reported as raised for all purposes. All but \$300 of this, I am informed, was given by those poor people numbering only one hundred and nineteen members; \$379 of this was to benevolences, \$930 to ministerial support, and of the remainder \$550 to greatly needed improvements. It will be remembered that this is one of the churches of the Cincinnati Church Extension Society.

The Sunday-school room at McKendree has been in urgent need of a change to beauty and comfort. Under the efficient labors of Brother Hamilton it has been so changed. \$900 of the old debt still remains, but the pastor has labored diligently to remove it, and has made good progress in subscriptions, but insuperable difficulties delayed the work.

At Cheviot, \$525 have been spent on improvements; at McLean, \$125; at Mt. Auburn, \$135; at Delhi, \$281; at Ivanhoe, \$200; the Mt. Washington charge, \$235; at Norwood, \$75; and at Pendleton, \$93. At York Street the house has been painted, a vocalian costing \$450, and other improvements made, costing in the aggregate \$1,431.

The district has paid for church-building and improving, and in paying old debts, over \$53,000 during the year. For current expenses it has paid \$16,000; for ministerial support, \$40,300; for benevolences, \$35,000. A grand total of over \$144,000.

SPIRITUAL WORK.—God blessed some of our Churches with gracious revivals. Nearly all had some conversions; but, alas! some Churches do not report any. Those reporting ten or over are as follows: Addyston, 16; Cheviot, 20; Camp Washington, 13; Christie, 25; Columbia, 50; Finley, 14; McLean, 21; Mt. Lookout, 12; Pearl Street, 11; St. John's, 20; St. Paul, 50; Trinity, 18; Walnut Hills, 80; York Street, 20; Cleves, 75; Madisonville, 10; Riverside, 11; and in the missions, 200. A total of over 700. There are fifty-seven class-meetings held weekly, with an average attendance of about 450. In five churches, where the pastors have labored hard to revive this means of grace, there are no class-meetings. The Epworth Leagues in many places maintain what fairly passes for a class-meeting, and this may be so improved as to greatly help us. This splendid organization of our young people is now in nearly every church. Our Sunday-schools are all organized according to the Discipline with a Sunday-school Board. Out of the forty-six Sunday-schools of the district, all but eight—and they include three missions—are organized into missionary societies. Six of our schools have weekly teachers' meetings to study lessons, and two report normal classes. About two hundred and seventy-five conversions are reported from the Sunday-schools, and in twenty-two of the schools the Catechism is taught. We are trying to get the Bible back into the hands of all scholars who read, and the work makes encouraging progress. In thirteen schools it has been accomplished, and in fourteen of the remainder they are working toward the same end.

We hope before long to see the Lesson Leaves in the homes only, and the Bibles alone in the schools. Ten charges out of the thirty-two report children's classes for religious instruction. I regret that this work is so little done, but the pastors are not wholly to blame. We should provide them some good helps or text-books to assist and direct them in a course of instruction.

DEATH OF DR. LEE.—During the year God called from abundant labor to his heavenly home our dear brother, Dr. Thos. Lee. His sufferings were intense, but his victory was complete. He was a good man, a strong man, and one that left his impress on many. The Cincinnati Union Bethel will be his lasting monument.

The last year was one of church-building and heavy money-raising. In addition to all else, I found it necessary to personally raise \$500 to piece out the inadequate support of some of our preachers. Though heavily drained, the brethren of the city saw me clear through with what I had found it necessary to assume. I turn to God with a longing heart, praying that the Conference year 1891-92 may be ever memorable on account of a wide-spread revival in all our Churches.

DAYTON DISTRICT—ADAM BOWERS, P. E.

Bishop Foster and Brethren of the Cincinnati Conference:

It is with thankfulness that I am permitted to make another report to the Conference of the work done on the Dayton District during another year. The great Head of the Church has been very good to his people and to his workers during the entire year. We have had great prosperity and great plenty in material things. Orchards, fields, and vineyards alike have been burdened with the good things of life, putting new courage and hope into the people. As a result, I think our reports will show in a number of cases an advance in our benevolent collections, particularly in the rural districts.

With few exceptions, good health has prevailed all over the district among preachers and people. At Centerville an epidemic of diphtheria prevailed for several weeks, resulting in the death of six children, members of our Sunday-school. Nowhere else within our bounds has any alarm been occasioned by the prevalence of disease. Our two veteran superannuates have been spared through another year—Dr. William Herr and Rev. William N. Williams—doing more or less work for the Master, as the condition of their health would admit. Our supernumerary brother, Rev. S. D. Clayton, has made himself felt in many places, both within and without the borders of our own Conference, in his evangelistic services among the Churches; and our Missionary Secretary has been abroad in the land, so that everybody loving Methodism could see or hear from him.

We have had a good year spiritually in the Churches. Nearly a thousand souls have been converted and garnered for the Lord within our borders. A few of the charges were especially favored in revival influence—St. Paul (Dayton), Brandt Circuit, Tippecanoe, Troy, Covington, and New Paris—while all experienced more or less of this gracious influence, and not one has been entirely barren of conversions and some ingathering during the year. It is said by the old members that no such revival has visited Troy in fifty years as the one in our Church during the last winter in which more than 125 souls were converted under the leadership of Brother V. F. Brown, our efficient and faithful pastor. Here, as the result largely of the revival, a beautiful parsonage will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks, which will cost, in round numbers, \$4,000, being the most handsome and substantial frame parsonage in the Conference. The Church in Troy has been wonderfully strengthened and built up this year.

The presiding elder has had the privilege of dedicating one beautiful frame church during the year at Pleasant Hill, Miami County, costing \$1,600, under the pastoral supervision of Rev. J. L. Dalbey, in connection with Covington. Our brother here has had a blessed year, has labored faithfully, has greatly endeared himself to the people, and has been permitted to rejoice in about sixty souls converted and brought into the Church. Rev. J. W. Cassatt closes his five years at Greenville. His success has been phenomenal. No one can understand it who has not been on the ground; steady progress right through the five years; all incumbrances cleared out of the way; Church strengthened in numbers and spiritual life; united and harmonious, and wondering whether there is another such pastor and wife in the Cincinnati Conference. This is one of our best Churches, and promises great results for the future, if cared for judiciously, as it has been in the last five years.

New Madison Circuit is weak; has to be nursed like a child. Nevertheless, some fruit has been gathered here during the year under the pastoral care of Rev. D. S. Ewrey, a supply appointed by the elder.

There are good men and women here, loyal to God and Methodism; but the weak financial condition of the charge makes it difficult to manage so as to bring the success we desire.

The same may be said in substance of New Paris. Brother I. R. Marshall, in charge for two years by the appointment of the elder, has had during the last year a gracious revival; about eighty sought and professed religion and joined the Church; but it takes time to incorporate such members into the Church so as to derive much financial help from them; and so the charge remains weak in this particular. Brother Marshall has been a faithful pastor and hard worker, and is deserving of much praise.

Gordon Circuit has had the pastoral oversight of Rev. E. P. James during another year. Brother Clayton assisted the pastor in a meeting at Gordon during the winter, in which fifteen or twenty souls were converted and joined the Church. The people have stood by Brother James, and the year closes fairly well.

West Elkton Circuit has been cared for during two years past by Rev. A. A. McGinnis, a supply under the elder. Brother McGinnis has done well on this little circuit, and the people want him for a third year.

Germantown and West Carrollton have enjoyed the services of Rev. A. L. Brokaw in the year just closed, another man appointed by the elder. The pastor has had a good year, particularly at West Carrollton, where there were about 20 converted and added to the Church. Both Brother Brokaw and Brother McGinnis began the last Conference year single men; but both have been married during the year to most estimable Christian ladies, who promise to be helpmeets indeed to their husbands in their noble callings. One of these ladies is the granddaughter of Rev. Jeremiah B. Ellsworth, long a member of this Conference.

Miamisburg has been faithfully served by Rev. J. E. H. Sentman for two years past; and while there has not been the spiritual and numerical growth that the pastor and his people have labored to bring about, yet we are happy to report no retrograde movement, but harmony and unity among the people and a good degree of prosperity in Church and Sunday-school work. This is one of our delightful charges, and is ambitious to be doing something to help on the Master's work.

Dayton Methodism has done well during the past year in all the Churches. While St. Paul has had the largest ingathering, all the others have kept pace in everything calculated to advance Methodism, which has been denominated Christianity in earnest. Brother Haines found Broadway a big thing to manage; but with the help of the Lord and his people, he has been able to hold things together, and add something thereto in the year, and is wanted back again to go before the people for another year.

I think I need say no more for Grace, Raper, and St. Paul, than that their pastors, each, enthusiastically are invited back for the fourth year. Their people have said, "Well done," and their reports will show for themselves the hold they have on their people, and how the people have responded under their leadership to the benevolent work of the Church. St. Paul's debt of \$1,800 has been raised, and Raper's building fund is growing. Brother Young will report more money for missions and other connectional enterprises of the Church from Trinity than ever before in her history. He too, could, return, and probably would, but for the meager support which this young society is able to give. He has been faithful through the year to all departments of pastoral work, and has been very successful with the young people, organizing and training one of the most flourishing and successful Epworth Chapters in the district. Trinity certainly is very promising for the future. Our two Churches in Piqua, Revs. E. T. Wells and R. G. Easley pastors, give this year for missions \$1,000. Does this not show the condition of things better than any report the elder could make? Besides, Grace has raised and paid the second payment on their parsonage, and interest, \$630; and Greene Street over that amount in refurnishing her lecture-room and other

repairs. All other Church-work and connectional interests have been looked after by these faithful pastors, and Methodism in this beautiful inland city is full of life and vigor, and promises to stand in the van for God and humanity in the years to come.

Rev. J. R. Hunter has been in charge of Tippecanoe City and West Milton for two years. Last winter he was favored with a gracious revival at Tippecanoe, about fifty being converted and gathered into the Church. This is a beautiful little city and home for the pastor and family, and if we were only a little stronger financially, it would be one of our most desirable charges. Brother Hunter is one of our most faithful men, has everything well in hand, and is earnestly desired back for another year.

Troy Circuit affords a delightful home for its pastors, the parsonage being in Troy, and the house itself above the average in its comforts and conveniences; but the support is meager, there being only three points, and these are drained constantly by removals to Troy and Piqua, where work is plenty, and good wages tempt young men and mechanics to go with their families. Rev. W. M. West has served this circuit faithfully for the year closing, and ought to have a better support.

Rev. T. G. Williams has had a fairly good year at Christiansburg, being favored with some revival influence. About twenty on the charge, converted, were added to the Church. From this circuit comes one of the candidates for admission to this Conference, who, from his advantages and training, promises a great deal to the Church of the future. Brother Williams is a hard worker, and one of the best-dispositioned men I know. His people can't help but admire and love him.

Rev. J. R. Hill has had fifty conversions and accessions to the Church on Brandt Circuit during the year. Everything is in good shape. This tells the whole story. They would love to have him back for a third year; but a generous and loving membership will not stand in the way if their pastor is placed in another field that will afford him a little better support for himself and family.

Fairfield Circuit has had a pleasant year. No special revival, but everything has gone on in a quiet and prosperous way; and the pastor, Brother Miller, assures me that he reports more missionary money and other benevolent funds than the circuit has raised for years.

Concord Circuit, under the care of Rev. J. P. Nine, has done well. All the affairs of the charge have been diligently looked after and attended to, so that he comes to the close of the year with things in good shape.

Brother B. D. Hypes has closed his fifth year at Arcanum, leaving the Church in better shape every way than when he began his ministry there. Old debts have been cleared away, the old parsonage sold, and a beautiful new one erected and occupied and almost entirely free from incumbrance. Congregations and Sunday-school large and in good working order, and things generally in good shape to welcome a new pastor to a field which promises much fruit in return for the care bestowed upon it.

Rev. C. T. Crum, at the last session of the Conference, was assigned to Lewisburg Circuit; but within a few weeks, at the request of one of the points, and with the consent of Bishop Joyce, the presiding elder divided the work, and assigned Brother Crum to West Alexandria, and secured Rev. C. W. Wolff, a supernumerary member of the Central Ohio Conference, for the other part of the work. Matters have prospered in both cases. A better ministerial support has been secured, better pastoral supervision has been maintained, and, as the result, the connectional interests of the Church are all in advance of anything in the history of this territory. The success at Alexandria has been remarkable. Brother Crum will no doubt have something to say when his name is called.

Centerville is the strongest circuit in the District, and one of the best in the Conference. Rev. G. L. Travis, the pastor, has been doing strong work on the charge, until within the last three months, when he was stricken with that terribly torturing disease neuralgia, which utterly unfitted

him for service of any kind. It has been a great regret with Brother Travis that this should have occurred just at the time when he would have been working up his connectional interests, and this will be the explanation for any decrease in the benevolences of other years in this charge. Brother Travis is one of our most faithful pastors, and never allows any interest of the Church to go by default when he can avoid it.

Upon the whole, we have great reason to be thankful that we are closing another year in such good shape in all matters pertaining to the interests of our beloved Methodism. As already reported, an aggregate of nearly one thousand souls have been harvested during the year within our bounds,—no open disorder among our people in any congregation; Churches and Sunday-schools instinct with life and devotion, and the work promising on every hand.

Our church and parsonage property is mostly well insured. A few of the smaller churches on some of our circuits are not thus protected, the trustees being slow to move in the matter; but the bulk of our property is amply covered by insurance in the best companies. The trustees report in the Quarterly Conference, without a single exception on the district, a clear title to all church and parsonage property held in the name of Methodism.

We held one session of the District Ministerial Association during the year, at which a number of papers were read and discussed by the brethren with much interest and profit to all. It was a time of real enjoyment to the brethren. Dr. Leonard was present during the entire meeting, and took part in the discussions, besides giving two admirable missionary addresses. He also spent one Sunday in Piqua, aiding our pastors in their annual collection, and one evening in St. Paul, Dayton. From these addresses went out an enthusiasm over the district that has been felt in the collections.

The Epworth League has grown wonderfully during the year, both in the multiplication of Chapters and in the enthusiasm which promises so much to the Church in the future from this vigorous organization of young people.

A considerable amount of money has been raised on the district during the year, and expended in keeping church and parsonage property in repair, so that in these particulars we are in most excellent condition.

The Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies are each in a most flourishing condition, having live auxiliaries in all the stronger charges of the district. The Foreign, whose district secretary is the wife of the presiding elder, will report for their work this year about \$1,600; and the Home, supervised by Mrs. Buvinger, of Dayton, perhaps an equal sum.

Be it known to all the brethren, that Twin Valley College is within our borders—a chartered institution, ready and able to confer degrees upon worthy men. As an evidence of this, Ripley and Springfield Districts each were honored at the last Commencement. Revs. S. B. Smith and W. I. Fee wear very gracefully—as we all know they can—the degree of Doctor of Divinity, as a token of high regard from Twin Valley College, which is doing a good work in Germantown and the surrounding country, under the presidency of Professor Orvon G. Brown, A. M.

But we hasten to a close, dear Bishop and brethren. While we are glad for material prosperity all over the work—crops and health, houses of worship and parsonage homes, and a thousand temporal blessings—we are glad especially in the religious harmony among our people, and in the spiritual prosperity granted unto us during another year. Nearly every church-house has echoed the rejoicings of the saints and the newly saved, and in every parsonage home our ministers and their wives, amidst all their solicitudes for their sacred calling, and for the people who lie near their hearts, have had their hours of quiet joy and holy triumph. To God be all the glory!

I have not missed a service during the entire year; and now, with gratitude to my Heavenly Father for all his blessings, and to my brethren of the district for so heartily seconding my every effort to build up the Church of God, and for their uniform courtesy and kindness and that of their families, and praying God's blessing upon them all, and upon his own cause, now and evermore, I hereby most respectfully submit my fifth annual report as presiding elder of the Dayton District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT—G. H. DART, P. E.

1. PROPERTY INTERESTS.—Four churches have been completed and dedicated this year at Walker, Seven Mile, Elmwood Place, and Middletown, at a cost of \$52,600. Betterments have been made on other properties approximating \$4,000, thus making an expenditure of \$56,600. During the four years of the present administration nine churches have been built, costing \$77,000, and improvements made of \$8,000 on churches, while \$5,000 have been expended in building, improving, and liquidating debts on parsonages, thus aggregating \$90,000.

2. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.—Advances have been made in salaries at several points, and payments have become more regular, but there are still points where the compensation is inadequate and tardy. In part this is due to the feebleness of many of our charges. A part of our territory is in transition from circuits to stations and half stations. These are of necessity small, but give promise of great futures. In them we are laying the foundations of empire. To meet these opportunities we need a bold, aggressive, far-sighted administration. Open doors are before us. Shall we enter, or yield these opportunities to other and more aggressive communions? It is simply a problem of money. In the absence of Home Mission help, our stronger Churches owe it to the cause to aid generously in founding and carrying forward these enterprises.

For ministerial support the Hamilton District pays per member, including probationers, 100 per cent more than the Ripley District; 75 per cent more than the Hillsboro District; 33 per cent more than the Dayton and Springfield Districts; and only 33 per cent less than the Cincinnati District.

3. BENEVOLENT CAUSES.—For benevolences four years ago we gave \$7,181 against \$9,993 last year, an increase of over thirty-nine per cent, and it is believed this will be advanced for the future. The per cent plan of district distribution of benevolent claims adopted by the presiding elders last year added materially to our assessment above the advances of preceding years, and has made it difficult for us to measure up to the demand. By this plan the following apportionments per member, including probationers, were made: For missions, Cincinnati District, 67.4 cents; Springfield, 65.7 cents; Hamilton, 64.8 cents; Dayton, 61.9 cents; Hillsboro, 36.6 cents; Ripley, 19.9 cents. In this schedule the Hamilton District stands third in amount assessed per member for missions, and other causes are on the same level.

Besides our regular benevolences, generous offerings have been made to Christ Hospital, the special funds of Bishops Taylor and Thoburn, and other deserving causes.

4. GENERAL CONDITIONS.—The vote on the admission of women to the General Conference stood 730 for, and 225 against. A District Epworth League has been organized, and gives promise of great good. Our Sunday-schools are Methodist in their organization, literature, and aims. The pastors have been faithful and efficient, and need not special and separate mention. Their works praise them. Revival influences

have been general, and at several points in marked degree. There have been about five hundred conversions and ingatherings. I have filled every appointment, and averaged five sermons per week for the year. With thanksgiving to God and gratitude to my brethren, lay and ministerial, I close my fourth year on the district and my thirty-fifth year in the ministry without interruption or intermission.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT—WM. RUNYAN, P. E.

THE twenty-six pastoral charges composing this district have been manned by twenty-two members of Conference and five local preachers, employed as supplies. The terms of service of these pastors in the charges they now serve, aggregate fifty-six years. They all have continued steadfast in the faith, abounding in good works, and have maintained irreproachable Christian and ministerial characters.

In the early spring, Rev. G. T. Weaver buried his beloved wife. Her remains rest in peace in Wesleyan Cemetery, Cincinnati. Near the close of the year, Rev. G. P. Austin and wife buried their beautiful infant son. Thus the shadows keep falling.

During the year two new churches have been projected, and are now nearing completion. In the Clarksville charge, Philip Trout pastor, the Olive and Spring Hill societies have been united, an eligible location secured, and here the new edifice stands. Auburn society, Hillsboro Circuit, E. L. Knox pastor, has moved the little old church from its foundation, and on the same spot the new and more commodious building is now erected.

Valuable improvements have been made to our Church property in Hillsboro, and some old debts paid. In this work over \$2,000 have been expended. These results are largely due to the enterprise and energy of the pastor, James Murray. South Lebanon charge, W. E. Spurrier pastor, has greatly improved the church, and, what is better still, has paid the last dollar of indebtedness to the Church Extension Society, and is now free. W. J. Baker, pastor of Rainsboro charge, has succeeded in paying nearly all of an old debt on the New Petersburg Church—a good work, well done. In New Burlington charge, H. Witham pastor, the Zoar society has greatly beautified and improved its church. In like manner the Morrisville society, Martinsville charge, has made commendable improvements in its house of worship; to this, J. M. Roberts, pastor, contributed largely by personal labor. Branch Hill society, Loveland charge, E. R. King pastor, have put new seats into their church. The enterprise of this young society is marvelous. The energetic pastor of Waynesville, C. L. Conger, has succeeded in paying an old debt that has long burdened that charge. The brethren at Wilmington have done similar work, and the pastor, H. D. Ketcham, has the satisfaction of seeing the year closed up, and the charge free from all indebtedness. It is very gratifying to me to report that nearly all the churches in the district are free from debt.

At Bowersville a parsonage has been purchased, and valuable improvements made, making a very pleasant cottage-home for a small family, and all paid for. O. D. Becker, pastor, contributed largely to the success of this enterprise by his industry and fidelity. At Sinking Spring, J. H. Middleton pastor, the old parsonage has been sold, and a comfortable home for the pastor purchased near the church. At Morrow, a parsonage has been greatly needed, but how to secure it did not appear; at last the problem has been solved by a generous gift of \$1,000 from Mrs. Catharine Kibby, to be applied to the purchase or erection of such building. The pastor, C. M. Van Pelt assures me the arrangement will soon be completed.

The parsonage at Sabina, L. M. Davis pastor, has been much improved by the addition of two new verandas and a bright coat of paint.

Through the enterprise of pastors and people we now have eighty houses of worship in this district, all of them comfortable, and some commodious and beautiful, valued at \$172,000. Along with this we have eighteen parsonages, valued at \$25,000, with two more in prospect for the near future.

During the year, two ministerial associations were held. They were well attended. The essays and discussions were of a high order, and greatly enjoyed by the people.

Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D., one of the Missionary Secretaries, visited us, spending three days within our bounds, and rendered very important service to the cause of Missions, which he so ably represents.

The pastors have done faithful work for the benevolent collections. Each cause has had the right of way before the people, and they have been diligently instructed as to the nature of, and the work done in, these departments, and the obligation to generously contribute to these growing, world-wide, aggressive movements of the Church. I think the reports of the pastors will show gratifying results in all these branches of work.

The estimates for pastoral support have not varied much from last year. I have done all I could to secure the payment in full of every claim. I deeply regret that in some cases they have been so distressingly small, and still more that in a single instance there is an unpaid balance.

The pastors have been diligent in circulating our Church literature. More books than usual have been sold, and a large number of our periodicals have found their way into the homes of the people. With us the *Western Christian Advocate* is the prince. Two years ago, according to figures exhibited by the Book Concern, Hillsboro District gave a larger circulation to this paper than any other district within its patronizing territory. We were the banner district, and I think we are still in the lead. This paper is one of the best helps the pastor can have in his work.

The revival spirit has been prevalent this year. There is scarcely a charge that has not felt the touch and uplift of revival influence. Here the pastors have been most abundant and enthusiastic in labors; and in many instances the Lord has most graciously poured out the Holy Spirit upon the congregations. The Church has been upbuilt, the currents of spiritual life deepened and strengthened, and about seven hundred converted and added to our Zion. O, the blessedness of this work! Deeper and deeper grows the conviction that the highest post of honor in the Militant Church is to be a "soul-winner."

During the summer, two camp-meetings have been held within our bounds. The one at Epworth Heights was under the direction of Rev. S. A. Keen, D. D., who has but few equals as a leader of such meetings. In spiritual results I regard this as one of the best ever held at this place. The meeting at the old Shiloh Camp-ground was under the skillful direction of Rev. H. D. Ketcham. Bishop Joyce spent one Sabbath with them, and preached with great acceptability and profit. The occasion was very fruitful in spiritual results.

There was held at Belfast a ten days' grove-meeting; it was projected and conducted by Rev. C. Hartley. He reports eighty conversions, and that many believers entered into the rest of faith.

Following Epworth Heights Camp-meeting came the Chautauquan Assembly. This institution has been well organized under the presidency of Dr. P. M. Bigney, and admirably conducted by Rev. W. G. Warner. Two other members of this Conference—John Pearson, D. D., and G. K. Morris, D. D.—were among the instructors. The instructions given were of a high order, and the lectures entertaining and profitable. If properly sustained, this institution will grow into a great educational force in Southern Ohio. The Cincinnati Conference needs it, and it well deserves our hearty support. Will we not stand by this home institution?

Hillsboro District, territorially, is the largest in the Conference. The labors of the presiding elder are necessarily arduous, and exposures considerable; but my health has been firm, and I have attended every quarterly meeting this year—104 in number—preaching an average of about five sermons a week. I have completed my fourth year. I have been most cordially received and heartily sustained; and as I review these years of toil for the Master, I think I may modestly say, I have done all I could, and the best I could, for pastors and charges.

Did time and space permit, I could say many complimentary things concerning all the pastors and their work—but these I reserve for Cabinet sessions, where results are to be reached. If mistakes have been made by any, they are forgotten by me, and lie buried beneath the pleasant memories of the year of arduous toil put forth by these men of God, and the blessed results that have come to their charges, and now appear as the precious fruit of their “work of faith and labor of love.” My personal relations with them all are of the most cordial character. They are true yoke-fellows in the gospel.

RIPLEY DISTRICT—J. W. MASON, P. E.

THE actual fruits of the year's labor of elder and pastors will be found in the statistics of the district, published in these Minutes. They are not entirely satisfactory; but, with the blessing of God, it shall be the purpose of each one to present better results at the end of the present Conference year. All for Christ.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT—F. G. MITCHELL, P. E.

At the close of an ideal summer, we view gratefully our spiritual harvests. To the Urbana Camp-meeting we are indebted largely for the healthy type of Methodism found in this region. During the past seventy-six years, Bishop Asbury, William B. Christie, George W. Walker, John S. Inskip, Alfred Cookman, and worthy associates and successors, have participated in these services. The forcible preaching, the definite testimonies, and the number of successful seekers of pardon or purity at the recent meeting were very satisfactory. While for temporary reasons the attendance was less than usual, not a few pronounced the meeting the best in many respects ever held upon the grounds.

Pastors report from their charges 1,000 accessions by letter and on probation, and 800 conversions; \$4,851, an increase of \$167, have been raised for Missions; \$478, an increase of \$120, for Church Extension; \$887, an increase of \$279, for Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education; and corresponding sums for other benevolences.

A new church, worth \$1,800, has been built at Brighton, and another, worth \$3,500, at Newson Chapel. An annex, 12 feet by 70 feet in size, has been added to Central Church, Springfield, and other repairs and improvements, costing \$2,500, are being made. High Street Church, in the same city, and Pleasant Chapel, on Catawba Circuit, have been handsomely repainted within. A new brick parsonage, costing \$6,000, is being erected at High Street. Our church and parsonage improvements in the district will cost \$17,906. Thirty-two of the churches and fifteen of the parsonages are insured.

Some pastors' salaries are still too small; but there has been an improvement in recent years. The smallest allowance, including house-rent, is \$600, and the largest, \$2,000, the average in 22 charges being \$1,134. Other districts reported in 1890 as follows: Cincinnati, 32 charges; average, \$1,210. Dayton, 25 charges; average, \$910. Hamilton, 25 charges; average, \$911; Hillsboro, 26 charges; average, \$804. Ripley, 25 charges; average, \$740.

The Epworth League has 18 flourishing Chapters, with 957 members. There is a Board of Control, of which the presiding elder is chairman, and M. E. Ketcham is secretary. Four sub-district conventions were held during the summer, and a district convention will be held in Springfield, November 6th.

Our veteran members have not been neglected. Special services in their behalf have been held—the first at New Jasper, the second at New Carlisle, and the last at Mechanicsburg. All were wisely planned and happily carried out; but the last was most remarkable in its *personnel*. At that reception were 45 persons over 70 years of age, the League having sent carriages for all not able to walk. Among the members are 18 who have been members for more than 50 consecutive years, 8 for 55 years, and 3 for more than 60 years. There are at Mechanicsburg *seven* couples who have celebrated their *golden* weddings; 9 of these 14 persons were present at the reception, 5 are regular attendants at the prayer-meetings, and, unless some of them should be translated to the eternal home in the interval, October next will add another couple to the list. The numbers of years these seven couples have been married are 56, 55, 54, 52, 51, 51, 50.

Eleven of our retired pastors live within this district. They have rendered valuable aid in administering the sacraments, and have given excellent sermons and wise counsel on many occasions. As an illustration of their zeal, I quote from a letter of Brother John G. Black: "I have heard 90 sermons, 6 addresses on Missions, the Bible, and Temperance, attended 6 quarterly-meetings, 17 funerals, and preached 39 sermons."

The widow of Brother T. A. G. Phillips is now among the crowned ones. Death came January 11, 1891. Devoted to the Church of her choice, loyal to her pastor, ready and cheerful in Christian testimony, the name of "Auntie Phillips" will remain a precious memory among the friends of her old age.

The only parsonage in the district invaded by death is that of Grace Church, Urbana. Martha Royal, a sweet and promising child of three and a half years, died of scarlet fever, Tuesday, February 24th. The consolations of God have not been small, but up to the measure of need, in this and in every instance where shadows and pain have come.

"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place."

CHILI DISTRICT—J. P. GILLILAND, P. E.

I. H. LA FETRA, an elder, and on trial in this Conference, is the founder and president of our Santiago College. Brother La Fetra came to this work in 1878, a few months earlier than myself. Most of his time has been spent in Santiago, the capital of Chili. At first he preached and directed the founding and management of a school of high grade. This institution has grown on his hands, and has for several years consumed much of his time. Until the appointment of a presiding elder he had the general direction of both the school and direct gospel-work. Since relieved of the latter he has had more time to devote to the former.

He is an indefatigable worker, and all these years has labored with a

worthy and fixed purpose. Santiago College has steadily gained in numbers and influence, graduating its first class in December 1889. Last year it enrolled two hundred and fifty students, and this year, notwithstanding the revolution, about two hundred have already been enrolled, while many private as well as government schools have not had patronage to support them. It has from the first paid the salaries of its teachers, all its running expenses and recently contributed largely to the support of direct gospel-work among the native population. Its press has issued thousands of tracts which have been carefully distributed throughout the district. "There is nothing against Brother La Fetra." He is a Christian, a scholar, and a worker. Having grown up with the college, or rather it with him, he is much better qualified to manage it than any other with equal intelligence, but without his experience and knowledge of the Spanish language. I heartily recommend his continuance in the position he has so worthily filled.

G. F. ARMS, an elder in full connection in your Conference, came to this work about the middle of 1888, well recommended by the Vermont Conference. On his arrival he took charge of our college for boys and young men at Concepcion, some three hundred and sixty miles by railroad south from Santiago, and the pastorate of our Church. He has worked most faithfully, and both school and Church have prospered in his hands. Last month I spent nearly two weeks in Concepcion, and was pleased with a desire that prevailed among the members to extend the work not only to the English-speaking, but also to the native people. Concepcion College then numbered one hundred students, thirty-three of whom are boarders. At the daily family worship every one takes part in reading the Scripture lesson, so that each boarder reads at least one verse of God's Word in his own language. "Nothing against Brother Ames." He is doing a good work and should continue therein.

R. D. POWELL, a deacon, elected to elder's orders, and now in full connection in your Conference, came to us early in 1889. He immediately took charge of our English congregation at Coquimbo, on the coast, one hundred and eighty miles north of Valparaiso. Here he has steadily labored, preached regularly, superintended the Sunday-school, and sowed much good seed. His Church has some thirty members, including probationers. The Monday evening class and Thursday evening prayer-meetings are really means of grace. During my two visits here this year it has been my privilege to lead these meetings several times. Here, as most places on this coast, there has been a strong preference for a service more ritualistic and formal than ours, but Brother Powell has labored rather to convert and build up than merely to please the people. He is a conscientious and earnest preacher. "Nothing against Brother Powell." He has given his whole time to gospel-work, and has learned considerable Spanish, and been able to give good counsel to our native preacher, distribute tracts, etc. He has been entirely supported by the direct voluntary contributions of the members and friends of the Church. However, owing to this revolution, all business is interfered with, subscriptions have necessarily diminished, and especially has it affected the school, many parents afraid to send their children, daily expecting the bombardment of the city. Brother Albright has charge of the school, but with the present attendance can also carry on the Church-work until the war closes. Now and for forty-eight hours two of the men-of-war of the Revolutionists are lying out at the entrance of the bay. Several shots have been fired at them from the forts. In view of the resources and all the above facts, I have arranged for Brother Albright to take the pastorate, with the consent of the Church, and let Brother Powell and family go to Santiago, where he has long desired to found an industrial school, beginning with a few acres of land, and the Christian education and training of as many native children as he can employ and support. Brother Powell is quite well fitted for such work, and if space would permit I could say much in its favor, but suffice

to say I most fully indorse it, and ask the appointment of Brother Powell to Santiago to found an industrial Methodist school. Brother Powell has many warm friends here, as their remembrances to him show, among which was \$20 to Sister Powell from the Sunday-school. I am on the steamer bound for Valparaiso. We are just weighing anchor, and will soon be off. Will mail this in Valparaiso or Santiago. Brother Powell expects to follow me by next steamer.

W. F. ALBRIGHT, an elder, is a member of Upper Iowa Conference. He and wife came from New York with me last October. Soon after his arrival he took charge of our Coquimbo College, which, while it is small, has done exceedingly well to live under the daily expectation of a bombardment of the city. Some eight or ten boarders, positively promised, have not yet begun, their parents, with reason too, preferring to keep them at home until matters are settled. "Nothing against Brother Albright." He is an able, energetic, and acceptable teacher and preacher, and well fitted for his present work.

JAMES BENGE, a deacon elected to elder's orders, has had charge of the English pastorate in Iquique since February, 1888. He has been supported entirely by the English-speaking people of Iquique and seamen in the bay. Sunday mornings he preaches on ship-board to the seamen, and in the evening in our chapel on shore. Regular class and prayer meetings are held also. Notwithstanding the battle there in February, and others near there since, he has been enabled to continue his work. Brother Benge is giving good satisfaction to the people. "There is nothing against him." He is well suited for the place and work he is doing.

W. F. GRIEWE is an elder and member of a German (Northern German, I believe) Conference. He has charge of our College for Girls at Talca, south of Santiago some two hundred miles by railroad. He is doing good work, and exerting a Christian influence, and especially over the young ladies who board in his family and meet daily for family worship. "Nothing against Brother Griewe." He is making a success of his work, although in the face of strong opposition from the Romish priests.

HARRY COMPTON, an elder, spent some seven years in this field, but for nearly two years he has been pursuing a theological course at Boston Theological School, where he desires to remain another year, then return to this work, where his wife has heroically remained, and is doing excellent work as a teacher in our Santiago college. Brother Compton did excellent work while here. I recommend his finishing his course, when we will be happy to welcome him back. For more than a year he preached in Spanish. "Nothing against Brother Compton."

VALPARAISO, July 20, 1891.

V. STATISTICAL.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS' REPORT.

QUESTION 30—*What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?*

ANSWER\$10,050 00

QUESTION 31—*What has been received on these Claims, and how have they been applied?*

ANSWER—From Chartered Fund..... \$30 00
 From Cincinnati Conference Trustees..... 410 55
 From the Mears Fund..... 153 91
 From Book Concern dividend..... 1,620 00
 From the charges.....7,010 63
 From Bishop Walden..... 25 00

Total receipts.....\$9,250 09

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stew- ards.....	Amount paid.....	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF CLAIMANTS.
Rev. W. E. Hines.....	W. H. Hines.....	\$400 00	\$356 00	Williamsburg, Ohio.
Rev. Wm. Herr.....	Self.....	400 00	356 00	Dayton, Ohio.
Mrs. J. J. Hill.....	W. L. Hypes.....	250 00	222 50	Lebanon, Ohio.
Mrs. J. B. Ellsworth.....	T. H. Pearne.....	150 00	133 50	Xenia, Ohio.
Rev. W. N. Williams.....	Self.....	200 00	178 00	Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. Adam Miller.....	Self.....	200 00	178 00	Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. S. F. Conrey.....	S. O. Royal.....	250 00	222 50	Urbana, Ohio.
Mrs. M. G. Baker.....	T. H. Pearne.....	150 00	133 50	Xenia, Ohio.
Mrs. N. McDonald.....	C. W. Barnes.....	150 00	133 50	Springfield, Ohio.
Mrs. E. H. Field.....	T. Collett.....	300 00	267 00	St. Paris, Ohio.
Mrs. W. H. Fyfe.....	J. P. Shultz.....	250 00	222 50	Batavia, Ohio.
Mrs. Wm. Morrow.....	Mail.....	200 00	178 00	Washington, D. C.
Mrs. John Shinn.....	Self.....	250 00	222 50	Marysville, Ohio.
Mrs. C. R. Lovell.....	C. W. Gullett.....	250 00	222 50	Hamilton, Ohio.
Mrs. Jos. Newson.....	W. C. Helt.....	250 00	222 50	New Carlisle, Ohio.
Mrs. Jesse Hall.....	T. Collett.....	100 00	89 00	Newport, Ky.
Mrs. H. M. Curry.....	E. H. Cherington.....	150 00	133 50	Lebanon, Ohio.
Mrs. A. Musgrove.....	T. G. Williams.....	200 00	178 00	Christiansburg, Ohio.
Mrs. E. G. West.....	J. P. Porter.....	200 00	178 00	Urbana, Ohio.
Mrs. J. W. Fowble.....	M. Dustin.....	200 00	178 00	New Moorefield, Ohio.
Mrs. C. G. Meredith.....	C. W. Barnes.....	100 00	89 00	Springfield, Ohio.
Mrs. Eli Kirk.....	T. G. Williams.....	100 00	89 00	St. Paris, Ohio.
Mrs. Jas. Smith.....	Mail.....	25 00	25 00	675 Delaware St., Indian- apolis, Ind.
Mrs. Levi P. Miller.....	John Story.....	125 00	111 25	Madisonville, Ohio.
Mrs. Wm. H. Miesse.....	Mail.....	100 00	89 00	471 N. Hampton Street, Easton, Pa.
Mrs. C. Kalbfus.....	C. Kalbfus.....	150 00	133 50	Frostburg, Md.
Rev. M. Kauffman.....	Self.....	125 00	111 25	Springfield, Ohio.
Mrs. G. C. Crum.....	C. T. Crum.....	200 00	178 00	Xenia, Ohio.
Mrs. W. M. Boyer.....	M. Fuller.....	150 00	133 50	Manchester, Ohio.
Rev. A. M. Griffith.....	Self.....	50 00	44 50	Sabina, Ohio.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimates of Stew- ards.....	Amount paid.....	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF CLAIMANTS.
Mrs. Jno. W. Stone.....	Mail.....	\$50 00	\$44 50	Waverly, Iowa.
Rev. W. J. Quarry.....	J. S. Whitney.....	300 00	267 00	Felicity, Ohio.
Mrs. D. Callahan.....	S. B. Smith.....	150 00	133 50	Hillsboro, Ohio.
Mrs. J. N. Irvin.....	D. W. Clark.....	350 00	311 50	Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. B. Glascock.....	Mail.....	150 00	133 50	Muncie, Ind.
Mrs. A. W. Tibbits.....	J. S. Pumphrey.....	200 00	178 00	Jamestown, Ohio.
Rev. J. F. Hull.....	Mail.....	250 00	222 50	Rowland, Ala.
Rev. John W. Keely.....	T. S. Cowden.....	100 00	89 00	Oxford, Ohio.
Rev. S. N. Marsh.....	Mail.....	375 00	333 75	Montecito, Santa Barbara Co., Cal. [apolis, Ind.
Mrs. J. M. Robinson.....	Mail.....	50 00	44 50	228 College Ave., Indian-
Rev. E. C. Smith.....	Self.....	250 00	222 50	Cleves, Ohio.
Rev. T. E. Fidler.....	Self.....	150 00	133 50	Urbana, Ohio.
Rev. J. G. Black.....	Self.....	300 00	267 00	New Carlisle, Ohio.
Rev. M. P. Zink.....	James Murray.....	100 00	89 00	Hillsboro, Ohio.
Rev. H. Stokes.....	D. D. Cheney.....	100 00	89 00	Ripley, Ohio. [ton, O.
Rev. H. M. Keck.....	Self.....	200 00	178 00	533 Walnut St., Hamil-
Mrs. S. A. Brewster.....	G. W. Dubois.....	350 00	311 50	Springfield, Ohio.
Mrs. G. H. Kennedy.....	Mail.....	350 00	311 50	Tippecanoe, Ohio.
Rev. Timothy Wones.....	Self.....	150 00	133 50	Springfield, Ohio.
Rev. G. M. Edgar.....	D. J. Starr.....	100 00	89 00	Wilmington, Ohio.
Rev. J. I. Taggart.....	Henry Middleton.....	200 00	178 00	Rainsboro, Ohio.
Rev. J. S. Gregg.....	.....	.....	100 00	Manhattan, Kan.
G. L. Travis.....	Mail.....	200 00	178 00	
Overdraft last year.....			*117 20	
Publication of Minutes.....			5 00	
Printing and Stationery.....			5 00	
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....			75 64	
Total.....			\$9250 09	

*Overdraft last year of \$88.75. Should have been \$117.00.

JOHN H. LEASE, PRESIDENT.
J. S. PUMPHREY, SECRETARY.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER.

THE following table, page 79, shows the amounts, by districts, paid me for the various benevolent causes. The reports from the charges in detail, given in the Statistical Tables, pp. 83-89, have been carefully compared with the Treasurer's receipts, according to Discipline, ¶ 76, and are correct. The amount of \$70 cash in the column "other collections," was for the Deaconess Home. All the cash collections, amounting to \$32,296, have been paid to the Treasurers of the several benevolent funds, and I hold vouchers for the same.

The following sums passed through my hands, in addition to the sums included in the tabulated statement, for which I hold vouchers:

Collection at Conference for Navajo Indians..... \$85 50
Book Concern Dividend for Conference Claimants..... 1,620 00

E. T. WELLS, *Conference Treasurer.*

URBANA, OHIO, September 8, 1891.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Conference Treasurer report that they have found no mistakes in them, and believe them to be correct.

T. S. COWDEN,
A. W. GRIFFITH,
J. A. EASTON.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

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	Cincinnati District.			Dayton District.			Hamilton District.			Hillsboro District.			Ripley District.			Springfield District.			TOTAL.		Grand Total...
	Cash...	Voucher	Total...	Cash...	Voucher	Total...	Cash...	Voucher	Total...	Cash...	Voucher	Total...	Cash...	Voucher	Total...	Cash...	Voucher	Total...	Cash...	Voucher	
For Missions.....	\$1,381	\$3,870	\$8,251	\$3,595	\$743	\$4,338	\$2,371	\$700	\$3,071	\$2,481	\$592	\$3,073	\$911	\$683	\$1,594	\$3,997	\$854	\$1,851	\$17,736	\$7,442	\$25,178
For Board of Church Extension.....	911	317	1,228	321	91	412	259	92	351	186	75	261	123	75	198	426	98	524	2,226	718	2,974
For Sunday-school Union.....	100	152	252	72	15	87	65	10	75	41	16	60	13	24	37	64	22	86	358	239	597
For Tract Society.....	88	107	195	66	18	84	46	17	63	47	16	63	12	22	34	76	19	95	335	199	534
For Freedmen's Aid and South. Ed. Soc...	723	1608	2,331	320	77	397	299	1,015	1,314	262	128	390	112	79	191	413	467	880	2,129	3,374	5,503
For Education.....	92	181	273	116	22	138	26	32	58	56	22	78	57	32	89	68	2	70	415	291	706
For Bible Society.....	18	232	250	56	124	180	11	65	76	27	56	83	14	14	28	40	70	110	166	561	727
For W. F. M. Society.....	19	2,966	2,985	21	1,789	1,810	1	821	822	4	604	608	8	207	215	8	1,396	1,404	61	7,783	7,844
For W. H. M. Society.....	8	2,658	2,666	51	1163	1,214	.....	352	352	.....	107	107	2	39	41	21	916	940	85	5,235	5,320
For Episcopal Fund.....	391	124	515	290	20	310	230	43	273	249	12	261	117	66	183	318	.....	318	1,595	265	1,860
For Conference Claimants.....	1,906	375	2,281	989	165	1,154	894	115	1,009	824	40	864	392	88	480	1,232	10	1,242	6,237	793	7,030
General Conference Expenses.....	106	39	145	68	15	83	33	15	48	63	5	68	21	16	37	94	.....	94	385	90	475
For Children's-day Fund.....	124	111	235	109	42	151	45	89	134	53	3	88	53	56	109	114	24	138	498	357	855
Other collections.....	48	6,348	6,396	4	480	484	.....	517	517	.....	213	213	6	79	85	12	455	467	70	8,092	8,162
Totals by Districts.....	8,915	19,088	28,003	6,078	4,764	10,842	4,280	3,883	8,163	4,296	1,921	6,217	1,841	1,180	3,321	6,886	4,333	11,219	32,296	35,469	67,765

In addition a collection was taken at the Missionary Anniversary for the Navajoe Indians Mission, amounting to \$85.50, making a total for missions of \$25,262.50.

GENERAL STATISTICS, NO. I.—FIRST PART.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY,

G. S. EASTON, Addyston, Ohio.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.			BAPT.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			
	Probationers....	Full Members...	Local Preachers...	Deaths.....	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized.	Churches.....	Probable Value.	Parsonages....	Probable Value.	Paid for build. & improv. Churs. and parsonages	Pd. on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.....	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.....	Current Exp'ses, (Sexton, light, fuel, etc.)....	Schools.....	Officers & T'hrs.	Scholars of all ages.....
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																	
Addyston.....	3	40	..	..	9	4	1	\$5,000	..	..	\$3,235	..	\$1,165	\$35	1	10	95
Avondale.....	10	172	..	3	..	29	1	30,000	..	..	300	\$1,600	4,425	385	1	20	170
Cheviot.....	5	155	..	2	1	3	2	4,500	1	\$3,000	525	..	..	70	2	28	229
Cincinnati: Asbury.....	..	184	1	1	8	7	1	10,500	1	4,500	..	..	..	434	1	33	300
Camp Washington.....	16	119	..	..	13	6	1	7,550	..	..	550	..	..	160	1	20	200
Christie.....	19	335	1	4	12	3	1	20,500	1	8,000	..	2,600	250	760	1	32	200
Columbia.....	11	162	1	2	19	6	1	6,000	..	..	..	..	..	160	2	23	150
Fairmount.....	6	144	..	2	..	..	1	6,000	1	4,000	..	..	..	267	1	24	190
Finley.....	6	90	1	5	1	1	1	13,000	..	..	1,500	..	..	285	1	33	225
McKendree.....	4	240	..	5	9	1	1	16,000	..	..	250	..	914	250	1	30	150
McLean.....	34	118	1	2	4	1	1	15,000	..	..	325	..	5,000	300	1	12	150
Mount Auburn.....	3	154	2	4	3	3	1	20,000	..	..	135	..	..	240	1	20	225
Mount Lookout.....	8	170	1	1	16	1	1	5,500	1	3,000	50	150	150	250	1	18	130
Pearl Street.....	9	122	..	1	7	3	1	11,000	1	4,000	330	..	..	107	1	16	135
Pendleton.....	17	191	4	4	7	5	2	13,000	..	..	..	500	1,000	230	2	30	225
Price Hill.....	8	51	..	..	3	..	1	14,700	..	..	10,700	..	4,000	250	1	12	60
Saint John.....	15	121	..	2	13	10	1	16,000	..	..	1,000	5,250	..	449	1	19	140
Saint Paul.....	33	546	..	4	4	4	1	125,000	1	20,000	..	..	..	4,568	1	33	350
Trinity.....	14	523	3	9	10	12	1	75,000	..	..	60	..	..	2,800	1	32	300
Walnut Hills.....	27	555	4	7	11	14	1	60,000	1	15,000	..	..	..	3,000	3	54	540
Wesley.....	20	332	..	4	17	15	1	65,000	1	10,000	..	..	..	1,574	1	35	225
Wright Chapel.....	1	220	1	2	8	4	lot	10,000	..	..	..	220	..	460	1	30	235
York Street.....	29	281	3	2	7	7	1	18,000	..	..	1,431	..	..	444	1	30	350
Cleves.....	115	157	..	2	..	72	3	6,000	..	..	..	..	..	175	3	34	235
Delhi.....	4	131	..	2	3	2	1	4,000	..	..	285	..	..	187	1	20	150
Groesbeck.....	1	162	..	5	..	..	2	4,500	..	..	12	..	..	170	2	36	115
Ivanhoe.....	1	71	..	..	10	2	1	4,000	..	..	200	..	..	200	1	18	120
Madisonville.....	7	325	..	3	7	..	1	22,000	1	4,000	19,000	..	550	540	1	20	200
Mt. Washington & Red Bank.	2	146	1	4	1	..	2	10,000	..	..	235	..	..	385	2	23	184
Norwood.....	1	93	..	1	1	2	1	5,000	..	..	75	107	740	247	1	16	71
Riverside.....	35	100	1	..	6	..	1	5,000	..	..	3,100	..	1,900	224	2	14	135
Winton Place.....	2	185	2	1	3	..	1	15,000	1	11,000	3,000	275	4,000	385	1	24	175
Total.....	465	6,395	27	84	213	190	37	642,750	11	86,500	46,298	10,702	24,094	20,051	42	793	6,359
DAYTON DISTRICT.																	
Arcanum.....	3	137	1	3	5	2	1	6,000	1	2,000	250	10	540	150	1	26	250
Brandt.....	5	167	..	2	..	17	4	3,500	1	1,200	75	..	..	80	4	51	275
Centerville.....	23	384	1	6	1	..	3	11,000	1	1,000	..	..	..	..	3	48	333
Christiansburg.....	15	195	3	6	..	8	4	7,600	1	600	100	..	..	150	4	48	320
Concord.....	11	205	1	6	1	5	4	5,500	1	450	225	..	..	..	4	45	275
Covington.....	22	155	3	3	2	29	2	4,600	1	2,000	286	740	800	105	2	32	153
Dayton: Broadway.....	14	690	1	6	10	6	1	15,000	1	3,000	..	..	2,443	637	1	46	513
Grace.....	33	682	..	7	12	4	1	90,000	1	10,000	..	..	..	2,100	1	35	350
Raper.....	9	703	1	4	8	13	1	32,000	1	3,000	..	..	..	725	1	51	500
Saint Paul.....	15	670	2	8	12	26	1	30,000	..	..	..	1,600	..	500	1	56	750
Trinity.....	10	225	2	4	..	..	1	14,000	..	..	..	300	3,600	175	1	29	350
Fairfield.....	9	236	1	2	11	6	4	11,500	..	..	..	..	..	280	4	41	280
Germantown.....	13	190	..	1	6	..	2	7,500	..	..	632	27	..	95	2	35	195
Gordon.....	6	136	2	4	..	10	4	4,000	1	500	30	..	..	150	3	48	255
Greenville.....	14	270	1	4	22	13	1	8,000	1	3,000	200	..	..	292	1	27	225
Lewisburg.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miamisburg.....	9	244	1	3	3	1	1	8,000	2	4,500	400	..	1,000	420	1	26	246
New Madison.....	10	130	1	3	5	3	4	4,000	..	..	..	5	..	100	4	60	300
New Paris.....	19	175	..	4	32	22	3	3,000	1	600	..	..	..	100	1	20	145
Piqua: Grace.....	21	313	..	2	8	4	1	7,000	1	2,000	..	630	566	149	1	36	275
Greene Street.....	11	574	3	8	9	4	1	23,000	1	6,000	1,066	265	824	500	1	35	275
Tippecanoe City and Milton...	5	300	1	6	7	21	3	7,000	1	2,000	350	..	..	140	3	54	350
Troy.....	14	490	1	7	4	85	1	15,000	1	4,800	2,000	..	..	400	1	33	330
Troy Circuit.....	3	150	..	3	..	2	3	4,000	1	2,000	..	..	..	70	3	40	190
West Alexandria.....	1	108	..	4	9	3	1	3,000	..	..	..	..	..	51	1	20	131
West Elkton.....	5	122	4	4	1	12	4	3,500	..	..	150	..	..	45	4	35	200
Total.....	300	7,651	30	110	168	296	56	327,700	19	48,650	5,764	3,577	9,773	7,414	53	977	7,466
HAMILTON DISTRICT.																	
Bethany.....	19	210	2	..	7	2	2	6,000	1	1,200	..	..	..	150	2	28	150
Camden.....	13	285	..	1	7	18	3	9,000	1	1,500	37	..	800	195	3	39	230
Carthage and Elmwood.....	5	239	..	2	16	8	2	10,000	..	..	3,000	350	1,550	248	2	53	421
Eaton.....	4	382	2	5	6	59	1	32,000	1	3,000	1,645	..	..	466	1	34	270
Fair Haven.....	2	172	..	2	..	..	2	3,000	1	800	57	..	..	168	2	24	108
Franklin.....	19	346	..	8	10	30	1	20,000	1	3,000	455	..	500	300	1	15	150

GENERAL STATISTICS.

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		CHURCH PROPERTY.										SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		
	Probationers....	Full Members...	Local Preachers...	Deaths.....	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized.	Churches.....	Probable Value.	Parsonages.....	Probable Value.	Paid for build. & improv. Church and Parsonages	Real estate on Ch. Property.....	Present indebtedness on Church Property.....	Current Expenses (Sexton, light, fuel, etc).....	Schools.....	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.....		
Glendale and Sharonville.....	15	83	...	...	6	4	2	\$6,500	...	...	...	\$52	\$439	\$153	2	22	63
Hamilton	10	493	...	4	6	8	1	15,000	1	\$5,000	...	...	...	1,000	1	47	350
Harrison.....	10	247	1	3	...	3	1	15,000	1	2,000	\$552	201	425	100	1	15	130		
Hartwell.....	10	207	...	...	5	4	1	7,000	1	4,200	...	130	2,170	450	1	23	160
Lebanon.....	20	363	1	10	1	8	1	12,000	1	3,000	3,700	...	750	500	1	28	400		
Lebanon Circuit.....	24	86	1	2	3	9	4	2,200	...	245	...	...	...	42	4	28	100
Lockland-Wyoming.....	10	238	1	2	4	8	1	35,000	1	6,000	900	...	...	350	1	25	175
Mason.....	13	238	...	...	2	4	3	5,000	1	3,500	15	336	165	112	3	36	230
Middletown.....	40	575	1	5	34	59	1	45,000	...	21,000	1,200	...	...	387	1	28	560
Monroe.....	14	158	...	2	13	3	2	9,800	1	2,000	67	...	...	100	2	20	145
Montgomery.....	10	105	2	2	...	5	3	7,700	...	...	56	...	...	125	3	24	125
Oxford.....	2	336	2	6	4	6	1	25,000	1	2,000	...	...	...	414	2	34	276
Pleasant Ridge and Bond Hill.	2	130	2	...	...	3	2	8,000	...	...	...	16	...	340	2	31	193
Port Union.....	...	110	...	...	...	4	5	6,000	1	3,000	100	...	...	125	3	35	150
Red Lion.....	13	139	...	3	1	5	1	5,000	1	1,200	...	...	...	123	1	10	52
Seven Mile.....	7	199	1	6	1	7	4	11,000	1	1,500	1,000	...	...	125	1	13	60
Springboro.....	...	125	2	2	2	2	1	2,000	1	1,000	...	...	...	75	1	13	100
Venice.....	3	239	...	2	4	32	4	10,000	1	1,000	24	84	...	132	4	28	172		
Walker and Union.....	14	208	...	3	2	...	2	5,000	...	2,600	...	...	...	80	2	22	150
West Chester.....	...	150	...	3	...	2	2	3,500	1	1,100	51	50	...	278	2	37	195		
Total.....	279	6,054	18	81	137	291	51	315,700	19	46,000	35,534	1,219	7,999	6,558	49	712	5135		
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																			
Belfast.....	40	580	1	4	10	5	5	5,000	1	1,000	...	...	...	100	5	80	350
Blanchester.....	10	300	3	6	1	25	3	7,500	lot	250	112	...	500	110	3	32	280		
Bowersville.....	9	254	2	5	...	21	4	4,700	1	1,000	900	...	...	139	4	41	276
Butlerville.....	6	300	...	6	...	3	5	5,000	...	...	75	...	...	175	5	67	360
Clarksville.....	14	248	...	7	...	11	2	2,500	1	700	110	15	...	145	4	50	261		
Goshen.....	22	437	...	10	8	12	3	6,500	1	1,000	45	...	75	157	3	39	320		
Greenfield.....	21	616	1	12	11	12	1	12,000	1	2,500	...	...	...	262	1	35	378
Hillsboro.....	3	632	1	3	2	3	1	15,000	1	3,000	1,000	900	...	350	1	25	425		
Hillsboro Circuit.....	8	491	1	5	8	40	8	9,500	...	400	...	...	...	140	8	65	475
Leesburg.....	9	305	2	2	8	7	3	9,000	1	1,800	...	150	...	165	3	49	340		
Loveland.....	14	214	1	6	2	8	3	5,500	...	450	...	...	...	150	3	30	228
Lynchburg.....	10	355	2	...	1	3	3	8,500	1	1,800	...	250	...	125	3	36	250		
Maineville.....	5	156	...	2	9	4	2	4,500	1	1,500	50	...	...	109	2	28	160
Martinsville.....	17	240	...	1	4	18	5	8,000	1	600	...	45	...	80	4	45	225		
Morrow.....	11	192	...	4	...	7	1	3,500	...	...	...	...	...	100	1	23	140
New Burlington.....	6	306	2	4	...	8	4	5,000	1	1,000	50	...	...	150	4	42	253
Newtown.....	25	310	1	3	3	4	4	7,000	...	...	...	...	...	180	4	53	266
New Vienna and Lexington ..	14	290	2	5	1	2	2	9,000	...	...	...	100	150	225	2	35	250
Rainsboro.....	8	332	1	6	4	12	4	12,000	1	1,200	90	560	100	130	4	56	430		
Sabina.....	25	247	...	1	...	14	3	3,300	1	1,100	200	126	130	100	2	40	192		
Sinking Spring.....	3	330	2	1	...	11	4	3,900	1	1,000	40	...	...	90	4	60	260
South Lebanon.....	19	131	...	2	8	13	1	3,500	...	...	50	162	...	50	1	11	100
Sugar Tree Ridge.....	29	304	2	4	...	8	6	3,100	1	200	85	...	42	135	4	41	254		
Union.....	1	290	2	11	4	3	5	4,500	1	900	24	50	...	150	5	65	300		
Waynesville.....	9	212	...	3	1	18	2	6,000	1	1,200	212	226	30	164	2	28	170		
Wilmington.....	12	275	...	3	2	5	1	15,000	1	2,500	250	...	...	250	1	17	120
Total.....	350	8,347	26	116	87	277	85	179,000	18	24,250	4,143	2,584	1,027	3,931	83	1094	7063		
RIPLEY DISTRICT.																			
Aberdeen.....	1	335	2	1	2	1	4	7,000	1	1,000	...	100	750	50	4	54	340		
Amelia.....	25	430	1	10	...	...	...	9,000	1	1,500	125	...	...	230	4	56	350
Batavia.....	4	217	...	2	3	5	1	11,000	1	2,000	...	225	1,700	175	1	26	190		
Bethel.....	63	511	2	10	...	75	9	7,050	1	700	205	...	...	240	9	90	590
Blue Creek.....	51	160	1	3	5	4	3	2,100	...	...	...	125	...	30	2	12	100
Centenary.....	8	190	2	7	4	3	5	6,900	...	...	102	...	...	168	5	55	275
Chilo.....	15	306	...	7	6	7	4	7,000	...	...	43	...	...	160	4	60	327
Decatur.....	18	334	1	7	11	82	5	3,500	1	650	260	...	...	90	4	50	325
Feesburg.....	9	202	1	9	...	16	4	4,500	1	350	90	...	...	80	4	45	185
Felicity.....	12	301	1	7	...	4	2	7,500	1	1,500	50	...	...	230	2	40	300
Georgetown.....	11	270	...	2	...	9	2	7,200	1	1,000	175	...	...	250	3	31	232
Jacksonville.....	15	330	2	7	3	10	5	3,550	1	700	225	...	...	100	5	34	300
Laurel.....	29	379	...	3	...	4	4	6,300	1	500	46	40	...	136	4	56	255		
Manchester.....	16	375	1	2	...	8	3	8,000	1	800	...	...	...	86	3	48	330
Marathon.....	10	375	3	1	4	14	5	4,000	1	300	100	...	...	150	5	60	330
Milford.....	1	204	...	4	3	...	1	10,000	1	2,000	396	19	270	180	1	21	136		
Moscow.....	2	295	2	4	1	6	4	11,000	...	...	6,000	...	...	200	4	40	300
Mount Orab and Sardinia.....	20	446	1	4	7	74	4	7,000	1	1,200	165	...	...	100	4	52	300
New Richmond.....	43	230	...	3	13	12	1	4,500	1	1,800	450	...	...	150	1	27	127
Olive Branch.....	27	324	1	11	4	16	4	8,000	1	1,200	40	...	...	200	4	57	230
Owensville and Newtonville....	20	490	1	12	2	40	4	8,000	1	1,800	...	100	100	200	4	50	400		
Ripley.....	8	307	1	6	...	...	1	20,000	1	2,000	89	...	...	255	1	24	150
West Union.....	30	371	2	3	8	85	3	2,000	1	1,200	80	...	...	100	3	36	225
Williamsburg.....	42	479	1	8	...	26	2	6,000	1	2,000	265	...	89	150	2	35	235		
Winchester.....	16	318	...	5	13	18	5	7,800	1	1,500	700	...	150	200	4	60	350		
Total.....	496	8,199	26	138	89	519	89	178,900	21	25,700	9,606	484	3,184	3,910	87	1119	6882		

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		CHURCH PROPERTY.										S. SCHOOLS.		
	Probationers...	Full Members...	Local Preachers...	Deaths.....	Children Bapt'd.	Adults Bapt'd...	Churches.....	Probable Value..	Parsonages	Probable Value..	Paid for Build. & Improv. Chur's and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property	Paid on old indebtedness on Chrch property	Present Indebtedness on Chrch property	Current Expenses [saxton, light, fuel, etc.].....	Schools.....	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.....	
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																			
Catawba.....	17	461	...	4	17	38	4	\$10,700	1	\$700	\$1,107	.....	.....	.....	\$250	4	70	350
Cedarville.....	55	381	...	4	5	20	3	6,000	1	800	190	.....	.....	.....	178	3	41	225
Dialton.....	9	243	...	5	...	8	4	5,000	1	1,500	3,500	.....	.....	.....	105	4	45	420
Jamestown.....	20	306	...	5	5	10	1	12,500	1	1,500	.....	\$450	.....	.....	234	1	25	160
King's Creek.....	19	220	1	4	5	23	4	4,500	1	1,500	120	30	.....	.....	150	4	54	310
Mechanicsburg.....	12	355	...	5	7	43	1	10,000	1	2,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	275	1	26	216
Mutual.....	2	240	...	2	9	10	4	5,800	1	1,100	55	.....	.....	.....	120	3	50	275
New Carlisle.....	7	379	...	1	11	11	2	11,000	1	1,000	300	.....	\$400	.....	158	2	34	351
New Jasper.....	12	321	...	9	3	21	3	7,700	1	500	150	.....	.....	.....	135	3	40	200
New Moorefield.....	12	277	...	4	4	...	4	12,300	1	12,50	90	40	.....	.....	170	4	48	300
South Charleston.....	13	250	...	3	...	...	1	8,000	1	3,000	40	.....	.....	200	200	1	19	140
South Charleston Circuit.....	52	341	...	4	5	15	5	7,200	...	.....	1,800	.....	.....	.....	100	5	60	300
Springfield: Central Church.....	37	862	1	4	18	18	1	20,000	1	10,000	1,229	.....	2,000	.....	600	2	82	574
Grace.....	40	194	...	1	10	16	1	3,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	102	1	17	195
High Street.....	15	240	...	5	6	5	1	30,000	1	10,000	1,000	600	.....	1,000	1	28	163	
Saint Paul.....	4	540	...	9	4	3	2	45,000	1	5,000	200	.....	7,000	1,600	1	36	377	
Tremont City.....	12	410	1	5	3	23	4	19,000	1	1,600	400	96	.....	350	4	76	482	
Urbana: First Church.....	17	532	1	9	6	2	1	20,000	1	4,500	300	.....	.....	680	1	27	236	
Grace Church.....	10	343	1	5	3	5	1	25,000	1	4,000	1,500	.....	.....	400	1	31	185	
Xenia, First Church.....	44	442	1	8	15	23	1	20,000	1	5,000	817	443	347	500	1	40	260		
Trinity Church.....	10	210	...	2	7	6	1	15,000	1	3,500	92	.....	1,500	545	1	27	152	
Yellow Springs.....	3	277	1	1	...	1	3	4,200	1	1,000	75	.....	.....	150	2	40	274	
Total	424	7,874	7	105	132	301	52	302,400	20	59,950	12,965	1,659	11,447	8,002	50	916	6,145		

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								S. SCHOOLS.		
	Probationers....	Full Members...	Local Preachers.	Deaths.....	Children Bapt'd.	Adults Bapt'd...	Churches.....	Probable Value..	Parsonages.....	Probable Value..	Paid for Build. & Improv. Chur's and Parsonages.	P'd on old indebtedness on Church property.....	P'd on old indebtedness on Ch'ch property.....	Current Expenses (saxton, light, fuel, etc.).....	Schools.....	Officers & Tchrs.	Scholars of all ages.....
Cincinnati.....	465	6395	27	84	213	190	37	\$642750	11	\$86500	\$46298	\$10702	\$24094	\$20051	42	793	6359
Dayton.....	300	7651	30	110	168	296	56	327700	19	48650	5764	3577	9773	7414	53	977	7466
Hamilton.....	279	6054	18	81	137	291	51	315700	19	46000	35534	1219	7999	6552	49	712	5135
Hillsboro.....	350	8347	26	116	87	277	85	179000	18	24250	4143	2584	1027	3931	83	1094	7063
Ripley.....	496	8199	26	138	89	519	89	178900	21	25700	9606	484	3184	3910	87	1119	6882
Springfield.....	424	7874	7	105	132	301	52	302400	20	59950	12965	1659	11447	8002	50	916	6145
Totals	2314	44520	134	634	826	1874	370	1946450	108	291050	114310	20225	57524	49866	364	5611	39050
Total 1890.....	2011	43816	150	544	715	1207	366	1881350	107	277540	71116	24268	57397	43361	371	5503	38621
Increase	303	704	...	90	111	667	4	65100	1	13510	43194	.....	127	6505	...	108	429
Decrease.....	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4043	.....	...	...	...	...

GENERAL STATISTICS, NO. I.—SECOND PART: COLLECTIONS.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY,

G. S. EASTON, Addyston, Ohio.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.	OTHER BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.			
	FOR MISSIONS.			For Board of Church Extension.....	For Sunday-school Union...	For Tract Society.....	For Freedmen's Aid and South. Ed. Soc.....	For Education..	For American Bible Society...	For Woman's Foreign Miss'y Society.....	For Woman's Home Miss'y Society... ..	For Conference claimants	For Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder and Bishop.....	Other collec-tions.....	Children's-day..	General Conference ...
	From Churches.	From Sunday-schools...	Total.....													
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																
Addyston		\$20	\$20									\$840		\$2		
Avondale.....	\$300	100	400	\$137	\$8	\$8	\$425	\$10	\$9	\$200	\$157	2,365	\$200	537		
Cheviot.....	645	26	671	150	40	40	148	52	100	148		1,068	158	71	\$52	\$10
Cincinnati: Asbury.....	64	105	169	20	16		24		10	25	30	1,280	51	28	19	
Camp Washington....	30	36	66	20	6	1	20	3	1			930	25	67	3	5
Christie	280	20	300	15	6	8	30	4	5	48	212	2,023	130	172	5	12
Columbia	12	58	70	13	1	1	12	5		70		846	27	82	7	
Fairmount.....		72	72	10	1	1	10	3	1	70		1,255	25			
Finley.....	15	15	30	10	5	5	19					575	15	10		4
McKendree	20	15	35	3	1	1	2		1			1,043	10	100	5	
McLean	22	8	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	924	5			3
Mt. Auburn.....	298	72	370	110	10	10	120	10	15	100	135	1,683	121	504	10	16
Mt. Lookout.....	160	100	260	50	4	5	55	5	5	56	119	1,320	90	312	5	
Pearl Street	25	18	43	8	2	5	3	2				808	22	10		
Pendleton	10	35	45	3	1	1	11	3	1	20	101	629	10	41	3	
Price Hill.....	45	15	60	35	6	6	27					631	45	10	15	5
St. John.....	45	10	55	10	1	1	8			1	1	1,036	30			3
St. Paul.....	667	222	889	174	32	20	609	22	40	*473	644	4,295	255	907	10	
Trinity	737	263	1,000	31	5	5	199	12	20	522	379	3,430	250	130	8	
Walnut Hills.....	1,241	1,000	2,241	230	60	29	404	100	20	805	702	3,848	257	2,789	46	45
Wesley	320	450	130	50	18	18	25	18	15	125		1,548	105	155	15	15
Wright Chapel.....	55	80	25	2	2	2	2	4		45	35	1,049	40			

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	FOR MISSIONS.			For Board of Church Ex- tension.....	For Sunday- school Union...	For Tract So- ciety.....	For Freedmen's Aid and South. Ed. Soc.....	For Education..	For American Bible Society...	For Woman's Foreign Miss'y Society.....	For Woman's Home Miss'y Society.....	For Conference claimants.....	Other collec- tions.....	Children's-day..	General Conference...	
	From Churches.	From Sunday- schools....	Total													
Cincinnati: York Street..	\$73	\$80	\$153	\$32	\$3	\$3	\$31	\$3	\$2	\$37	\$80	\$1,335	\$55	\$39	\$3	\$10
Cleves.....	26	4	30	10	1	1	10					675		21	1	
Delhi.....	53	32	85	23	7	7	15	6		27	32	1,052	55	65	6	
Groesbeck	55	5	60	9	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	750	8	7	7	2
Ivanhoe	15	15	30	2	2	2	2	6		35	13	740	50	226	3	5
Madisonville	80	150	230	30	6	6	30			140		2,185	120	80	7	
Mt. Wash't'n & Red Bank	100	40	140	20	3	3	25	2	3			814	40		2	5
Norwood.....	15	22	37		2	1	2					828	15	10	3	
Riverside	5		5									139		8		
Winton Place.....	75	50	125	20	1	1	65	1		36	24	1,590	67	13		5
Total.....	\$5,488	\$2,763	\$8,251	\$1,228	\$252	\$195	\$2,331	\$273	\$250	\$2,985	\$2,666	\$43,527	\$2,281	\$6,396	\$235	\$145
DAYTON DISTRICT.																
Arcanum	45	15	60	3	1	1	3	1	1	111	1	937	10	36		2
Brandt	25		25	3		1	2	1				538	9			2
Centerville	33	37	70	20	3	3	17			21		805	25		4	
Christiansburg	36	7	43	7	2	1	5	2	1			570	7		3	
Concord	36	8	44	4	2		2	2	2			557	14		3	2
Covington	22	8	30	6	3	3	2	5	1	12		582	15		2	5
Dayton: Broadway.....	73	67	140	15	6	6	15	6	6	28		1,262	25	35	4	
Grace.....	540	360	900	90	20	20	58	30	35	351	503	2,730	220			
Raper.....	344	276	620	20	2	2	20	40	3	226	206	2,078	100	14		13
St. Paul.....	150	150	300	20	5	5	20	15	5	332	136	1,660	110			11
Trinity		47	47				3			21		866		5		
Fairfield.....	30	50	80	5		1	10		1	4		724	15			4
Germantown.....	30	25	55		3	3	3		1	20		600	6		3	5

Gordon.....	44	40	84	2	.....	.....	5	4	.....	.....	.....	496	10	25	.....	1
Greenville.....	89	36	125	34	4	4	40	4	.....	26	40	1,462	120	.....	14	10
Lewisburg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miamisburg.....	100	79	179	10	2	2	10	3	.....	115	.....	1,312	45	134	15	7
New Madison.....	14	2	16	3	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	317	5	.....	.....	.....
New Paris.....	5	3	8	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	1	1	568	.....	.....	5	2
Piqua: Grace.....	104	21	125	12	2	2	16	.....	12	18	12	855	26	9	7	4
Greene Street.....	687	200	887	70	16	15	87	.....	69	382	192	2,082	175	125	10	.....
Tippecanoe City & Milton	48	22	70	2	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	794	8	.....	5	.....
Troy.....	258	105	363	65	10	10	55	20	42	106	117	1,662	145	101	75	11
Troy Circuit.....	15	2	17	7	1	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	627	4	.....	.....	.....
West Alexandria.....	45	5	50	13	2	2	9	2	1	16	1	533	40	.....	1	4
West Elkton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	3	2	.....	20	5	264	20	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$2,773	\$1,565	\$4,338	\$412	\$87	\$84	\$397	\$138	\$180	\$1,810	\$1,214	\$24,881	\$1,154	\$484	\$151	\$83
HAMILTON DISTRICT.																
Bethany.....	105	17	122	3	1	1	3	1	1	21	.....	998	26	.....	1	.....
Camden.....	46	4	50	4	1	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	803	15	.....	12	5
Carthage and Elmwood..	25	55	80	11	2	2	12	2	2	15	74	970	67	20	4	5
Eaton.....	227	32	259	35	4	3	962	6	3	146	.....	1,316	93	.....	18	8
Fair Haven.....	33	7	40	2	1	1	4	2	2	.....	.....	556	5	.....	.....	.....
Franklin.....	87	25	112	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	1,122	24	26	8	.....
Glendale & Sharonville...	10	10	20	3	1	1	3	4	1	.....	.....	548	11	13	4	.....
Hamilton.....	102	158	260	30	1	1	38	.....	23	100	.....	2,040	42	96	.....	.....
Harrison.....	50	20	70	5	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	885	10	.....	2	.....
Hartwell.....	164	71	235	20	5	5	20	5	.....	75	42	1,624	80	112	15	.....
Lebanon.....	170	30	200	23	6	3	42	13	6	80	33	1,406	100	.....	12	8
Lebanon Circuit.....	4	.....	4	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	325	3	.....	4	1
Lockland-Wyoming.....	520	80	600	75	40	30	110	.....	.....	*269	10	2,385	170	155	20	.....
Mason.....	20	31	51	1	1	1	2	1	2	20	.....	977	20	12	2	.....
Middletown.....	132	30	162	35	3	4	20	5	2	26	33	1,520	44	14	.....	.....
Monroe.....	88	22	110	12	2	2	12	3	1	6	.....	994	55	17	3	6
Montgomery.....	17	8	25	9	19	710	3	4
Oxford.....	258	41	299	20	2	2	20	2	20	59	108	1,370	100	40	2	5

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	From Churches.	From Sunday-schools...	Total.....													
Pleasant Ridge & Bond Hill	\$71	\$14	\$85	\$10	\$2	\$2	\$12	\$3			\$35	\$683	\$63	\$4	\$3
Port Union.....	25	20	45	2	\$5	949	10	3
Red Lion.....	36	7	43	11	1	6	1	601	10	\$2	1
Seven Mile.....	21	8	29	1	1	1	870	14	10	2
Springboro.....	20	20	40	5	1	1	7	1	\$1	17	542	15	2
Venice.....	25	2	27	1	1	3	670	4	1
Walker and Union.....	65	10	75	3	1	1	5	4	1	559	10	5
West Chester.....	17	11	28	5	1	1	5	1	1	631	18	7	2
Total.....	\$2,338	\$733	\$3,071	\$351	\$75	\$63	\$1,314	\$58	\$76	\$822	\$352	\$26,054	\$1,009	\$517	\$134	\$48
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																
Belfast.....	55	50	105	5	8	801	18	19
Blanchester.....	53	23	76	1	1	20	7	755	18	5
Bowersville.....	50	35	85	20	2	2	21	5	2	720	22
Butler ville.....	45	5	50	2	1	1	2	463	5	43	4
Clarksville.....	60	5	65	3	8	12	721	23	4
Goshen.....	94	46	140	10	1	1	10	4	6	852	40	21	5
Greenfield.....	110	100	210	25	8	8	40	4	25	65	53	1,500	100	12	8
Hillsboro.....	320	90	410	10	1	2	10	2	84	4	1,900	85
Hillsboro Circuit.....	112	28	140	20	2	2	20	5	1	915	40	6
Leesburg.....	120	50	170	10	1	2	28	2	5	40	35	1,032	40	11
Loveland.....	21	20	41	8	1	1	10	650	20	13	2
Lynchburg.....	77	23	100	10	2	1	15	12	915	35	5	3
Maine ville.....	74	26	100	9	1	1	10	14	3	4	566	24	4
Martinsville.....	40	25	65	1	1	1	5	693	5	1	4

Morrow.....	58	17	75	18	6	6	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	825	18	22	3	4
New Burlington.....	100	10	110	10	3	3	10	3	3	.....	.....	900	50	.....	3	5
Newtown.....	71	24	95	2	2	5	5	1	2	12	.....	770	60	.....	5	.....
New Vienna & Lexington	124	30	154	8	6	6	31	6	6	*105	.....	930	70	3	2	.....
Rainsboro.....	96	24	120	6	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	742	25	.....	11	.....
Sabina.....	40	30	70	11	2	2	16	1	1	.....	.....	895	20	16	4	5
Sinking Spring.....	65	5	70	5	.....	.....	5	1	.....	.....	.....	612	10	.....	.....	.....
South Lebanon.....	32	18	50	8	3	3	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	495	15	.....	3	1
Sugar Tree Ridge.....	42	13	55	2	2	2	2	5	2	.....	.....	502	19	.....	.....	.....
Union.....	154	46	200	32	7	6	32	7	20	218	.....	935	31	14	8	.....
Waynesville.....	99	18	117	6	2	2	10	1	2	10	15	942	21	.....	5	3
Wilmington.....	158	42	200	20	5	5	30	10	5	46	.....	1,315	50	70	5	7
Total.....	\$2,270	\$803	\$3,073	\$261	\$60	\$63	\$390	\$78	\$83	\$608	\$107	\$22,346	\$864	\$213	\$88	\$68
RIPLEY DISTRICT.																
Aberdeen.....	22	.....	22	11	1	1	2	1	1	.....	.....	460	10	.....	.....	3
Amelia.....	80	15	95	10	1	1	10	10	1	.....	.....	876	30	.....	7	3
Batavia.....	48	27	75	9	3	4	10	5	4	.....	.....	1,000	70	.....	5	4
Bethel.....	46	.....	46	6	2	1	1	.....	2	.....	.....	932	6	.....	.....	4
Blue Creek.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	156	4	.....	.....	1
Centenary.....	16	6	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	701	10	.....	4	.....
Chilo.....	18	1	19	2	.....	.....	2	6	.....	.....	.....	500	5	.....	.....	.....
Decatur.....	72	20	92	12	3	3	10	10	3	21	.....	638	20	.....	12	3
Feesburg.....	114	6	120	12	1	1	10	2	1	.....	.....	530	20	5	7	3
Felicity.....	51	7	58	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	965	12	.....	5	.....
Georgetown.....	54	21	75	19	2	2	15	2	1	17	.....	870	45	11	3	3
Jacksonville.....	32	1	33	3	1	1	3	1	.....	.....	.....	360	2	.....	14	.....
Laurel.....	49	4	53	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	677	16	.....	5	.....
Manchester.....	33	.....	33	5	1	.....	24	.....	2	43	.....	840	27	.....	3	.....
Marathon.....	40	5	45	3	.....	.....	3	4	.....	18	.....	475	7	.....	.....	2
Milford.....	182	53	235	40	7	7	36	20	.....	65	29	1,386	60	33	13	.....
Moscow.....	49	4	53	6	1	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	738	16	.....	6	.....
Mt. Orab and Sardinia...	18	7	25	5	1	1	3	2	.....	.....	10	770	10	.....	.....	3
New Richmond.....	38	12	50	10	3	3	16	4	5	6	.....	756	20	.....	4	.....

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		OTHER BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.			
	FOR MISSIONS.			For Board of Church Extension.....	For Sunday-school Union...	For Tract Society.....	For Freedmen's Aid and South. Ed. Soc.....	For Education..	For American Bible Society...	For Woman's Foreign Miss'y Society.....	For Woman's Home Miss'y Society.....	For Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder and Bishop	For Conference claimants	Other collections	Children's-day..	General..... Conference ...	
	From Churches.	From Sunday-schools...	Total														
Olive Branch.....	\$73	\$24	\$97	\$10	\$1	\$1	\$8	\$8	\$1	.....	.....	\$778	\$13	\$19	\$7	.....
Owensville & Newtonville	36	15	51	5	.....	.....	6	1	.....	.....	.....	743	11	.....	3	.....
Ripley	78	25	103	10	4	4	10	4	3	.....	.....	1,093	25	15	.....	\$3
West Union.....	25	.....	25	5	1	1	5	3	1	.....	.....	743	5	.....	3	2
Williamsburg	75	25	100	8	3	1	5	3	2	\$1	\$1	876	15	2	4	3	
Winchester.....	58	9	67	4	1	1	4	3	1	\$43	.....	794	21	.....	4	.....
Total.....	\$1,307	\$287	\$1,594	\$198	\$37	\$34	\$191	\$89	\$28	\$215	\$41	\$18,657	\$480	\$85	\$109	\$37	
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																	
Catawba.....	100	75	175	30	3	3	20	5	.....	37	.....	970	51	43	6	.....
Cedarville.....	40	35	75	10	3	2	30	1	1	.....	.....	823	15	17	3	.....
Dialton	65	32	97	12	3	8	26	.....	5	.....	1	812	28	.....	2	5
Jamestown.....	130	100	230	20	2	2	21	.....	.....	100	.....	1,115	65	.....	9	9
King's Creek.....	46	5	51	10	2	2	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	603	20	.....	.....	5
Mechanicsburg.....	125	106	231	15	4	3	20	.....	5	42	68	1,150	45	.....	4	7
Mutual	55	.....	55	5	1	4	5	.....	1	.....	.....	648	10	.....	1	5
New Carlisle.....	71	29	100	17	6	6	17	6	7	13	68	1,039	43	.....	3	2
New Jasper.....	59	17	76	10	2	2	12	2	10	.....	.....	798	18	.....	5	8
New Moorefield.....	108	4	112	6	2	2	5	3	2	.....	16	871	15	17	12	5
South Charleston.....	304	29	333	20	1	1	235	2	5	250	16	927	23	56	3	2	
South Charleston Circuit	22	8	30	5	.....	2	5	1	.....	.....	.....	623	13	.....	3	.....
Springfield—Central.....	314	226	540	30	7	7	69	.....	.....	180	96	2,150	125	.....	9	5
Grace.....	17	5	22	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	947	10	.....	2	.....
High Street.....	450	100	550	50	10	10	96	10	5	132	153	2,160	160	.....	.....	16
St. Paul.....	314	100	414	80	12	13	45	10	10	198	163	2,170	110	49	12	.....

Tremont City	210	11	221	70	9	9	30	8	5	.....	.....	865	59	89	18	10
Urbana—First Church...	305	95	400	46	5	5	73	8	.....	185	148	1,665	80	49	16	.....
Grace.....	308	36	344	20	4	3	50	6	6	19	35	1,785	92	90	5	5
Xenia—First Church....	358	166	524	50	3	4	68	5	30	77	136	1,865	140	30	3	10
Trinity.....	125	65	190	10	3	3	20	.....	15	103	30	1,617	110	27	14	.....
Yellow Springs.....	47	34	81	8	4	3	12	2	2	68	10	949	10	.....	8	.....
Total.....	\$3,573	\$1,278	\$4,851	\$524	\$86	\$95	\$880	\$70	\$110	\$1,404	\$940	\$26,552	\$1,241	\$467	\$138	\$94

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		OTHER BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.			
	FOR MISSIONS.			For Board of Church Extension	For Sunday-school Union...	For Tract Society.....	For Freedmen's Aid and South. Ed. Soc.....	For Education..	For American Bible Society...	For Woman's Foreign Missy Society.....	For Woman's Home Missy Society.....	For Conference claimants.....	For Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder and Bishop	Other collections.....	Children's-day..	General Conference....
	From Churches.	From Sunday-schools....	Total.....													
Cincinnati	\$5,488	\$2,763	\$8,251	\$1,228	\$252	\$195	\$2,331	\$273	\$250	\$2,985	\$2,666	\$43,527	\$2,281	\$6,396	\$235	\$145
Dayton.....	2,773	1,565	4,338	412	87	84	397	138	180	1,810	1,214	24,881	1,154	484	151	83
Hamilton.....	2,338	733	3,071	351	75	63	1,314	58	76	822	352	26,054	1,009	517	134	48
Hillsboro.....	2,270	803	3,073	261	60	63	390	78	83	608	107	22,346	864	213	88	68
Ripley	1,307	287	1,594	198	37	34	191	89	28	215	41	18,657	480	85	109	37
Springfield.....	3,573	1,278	4,851	524	86	95	880	70	110	1,404	940	26,552	1,242	467	138	94
Total.....	\$7,749	7,429	\$25,178	\$2,974	\$597	\$534	\$5,503	\$706	\$727	\$7,844	\$5,320	\$162,017	\$7,030	\$8,162	\$855	\$475
Total for 1890..	.....	.....	25,619	2,737	426	399	4,534	494	701	7,914	5,546	159,400	6,788	14,277	873	.....
Increase .....	.....	.....	.....	\$237	\$171	\$135	\$969	\$212	\$26	.....	.....	\$2,617	\$242	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	\$441	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$70	\$226	.....	.....	\$6,115	\$18	.....

*The following additions to collections for Woman's Foreign Missionary Society were reported too late for insertion in the tables: Lockland Wyoming, \$32; St. Paul, Cincinnati, \$33; New Vienna and Lexington, \$10; Winchester, \$4.

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CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.									
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CON. CLAIMANTS.		
		Claims, in- clud'g House Rent, or rent- al value of Parsonages.	Receipts, in- clud'g House Rent, or rent- al value of Parsonages...	Deficiencies...	Apportioned..	Paid.....	Apportioned..	Paid.....	Apportioned..	Paid.....	
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.											
Addyston.....	George S. Easton,.....	\$820 00	\$820 00	.....	\$20 00	\$20 00	\$4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Avondale.....	J. W. Peters,.....	2,165 00	2,165 00	.....	170 00	170 00	30 00	\$30 00	\$200 00	\$200 00	.....
Cheviot.....	A. D. Maddox.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	56 00	56 00	12 00	12 00	80 00	158 00	.....
Cincinnati: Asbury.....	A. U. Beall.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	66 00	66 00	14 00	14 00	65 00	51 00	.....
Camp Washington.....	James W. Magruder.....	900 00	900 00	.....	24 00	24 00	6 00	6 00	25 00	25 00	.....
Christie.....	Marion LeSourd.....	1,900 00	1,900 00	.....	100 00	100 00	23 00	23 00	130 00	130 00	.....
Columbia.....	D. C. Washburn.....	800 00	800 00	.....	36 00	36 00	10 00	10 00	35 00	27 00	.....
Fairmount.....	James Stephenson.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	50 00	50 00	14 00	5 00	40 00	25 00	.....
Finley.....	Gervaise Roughton.....	550 00	550 00	.....	20 00	20 00	5 00	5 00	15 00	15 00	.....
McKendree.....	Andrew Hamilton.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	36 00	36 00	7 00	7 00	80 00	10 00	.....
McLean.....	P. C. Curnick.....	900 00	900 00	.....	20 00	20 00	4 00	4 00	15 00	5 00	.....
Mt. Auburn.....	John J. McCabe.....	1,558 00	1,558 00	.....	100 00	100 00	25 00	25 00	120 00	121 00	.....
Mt. Lookout.....	J. H. Lease.....	1,250 00	1,250 00	.....	56 00	56 00	14 00	14 00	100 00	90 00	.....
Pearl Street.....	David W. Clark.....	774 00	774 00	.....	28 00	28 00	6 00	6 00	25 00	22 00	.....
Pendleton.....	J. F. Loyd.....	580 00	580 00	.....	36 00	36 00	6 00	6 00	25 00	10 00	.....
Price Hill.....	E. S. Gaddis.....	600 00	600 00	.....	24 00	24 00	7 00	7 00	30 00	45 00	.....
St. John.....	Jonathan Verity.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	32 00	32 00	8 00	4 00	40 00	30 00	.....
St. Paul.....	George K. Morris.....	3,900 00	3,900 00	.....	340 00	340 00	55 00	55 00	250 00	255 00	.....
Trinity.....	Howard Henderson.....	3,100 00	3,100 00	.....	250 00	250 00	55 00	55 00	250 00	250 00	.....
Walnut Hills.....	S. A. Keen.....	3,400 00	3,400 00	.....	368 00	368 00	80 00	80 00	250 00	257 00	.....
Wesley.....	Charles R. Brown.....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	120 00	120 00	28 00	28 00	100 00	105 00	.....

Wright Chapel.....	G. W. Kelley	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	40 00	40 00	9 00	9 00	40 00	40 00
York Street	E. S. Lewis.....	1,200 00	1,240 00	Ex 40 00	75 00	75 00	20 00	20 00	70 00	55 00
Cleves	J. W. Hickman.....	640 00	640 00	.....	30 00	27 00	9 00	5 00	30 00	.....
Delhi.....	Sylvester Weeks.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	44 00	44 00	10 00	8 00	60 00	55 00
Groesbeck	Sylvanus Lane.....	600 00	716 00	Ex 116 00	32 00	32 00	8 00	2 00	.....	8 00
Ivanhoe.....	A. B. Austin.....	700 00	700 00	.....	32 00	32 00	8 00	8 00	45 00	50 00
Madisonville.....	J. A. Story.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	150 00	150 00	35 00	35 00	150 00	120 00
Mt. Washington & Red Bank.....	F. M. Kirgan.....	750 00	750 00	.....	52 00	52 00	12 00	12 00	40 00	40 00
Norwood	J. A. Easton	800 00	800 00	.....	24 00	24 00	6 00	4 00	25 00	15 00
Riverside.....	Wm. Hartley.....	160 00	125 00	35 00	10 00	10 00	4 00	4 00	10 00	.....
Winton Place	M. M. Kugler.....	1,560 00	1,560 00	.....	72 00	72 00	18 00	12 00	120 00	67 00
Total.....	.....	40,407 00	40,528 00	Ex 121 00	2513 00	2510 00	552 00	515 00	2465 00	2281 00
DAYTON DISTRICT.										
Arcanum	B. D. Hypes.....	850 00	851 00	Ex 1 00	68 00	68 00	18 00	18 00	70 00	10 00
Brandt	J. R. Hill.....	505 00	505 00	.....	36 00	30 00	10 00	3 00	43 00	9 00
Centerville.....	G. L. Travis.....	800 00	717 00	83 00	73 00	73 00	17 00	15 00	70 00	25 00
Christiansburg	T. G. Williams.....	575 00	512 00	63 00	50 00	50 00	11 00	8 00	50 00	7 00
Concord	J. P. Nine.....	500 00	500 00	.....	48 00	48 00	9 00	9 00	46 00	14 00
Covington.....	J. L. Dalbey	524 00	524 00	.....	49 00	49 00	9 00	9 00	40 00	15 00
Dayton: Broadway	C. H. Haines.....	1,150 00	1,150 00	.....	96 00	96 00	16 00	16 00	.....	25 00
Grace	Wm. Macafee.....	2,500 00	2,500 00	.....	190 00	190 00	40 00	40 00	200 00	220 00
Raper.....	D. W. Clark.....	1,900 00	1,900 00	.....	148 00	148 00	30 00	30 00	160 00	100 00
St. Paul.....	J. G. Vaughan	1,440 00	1,540 00	Ex 100 00	100 00	100 00	20 00	20 00	120 00	110 00
Trinity	L. F. Young.....	750 00	800 00	Ex 50 00	66 00	66 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairfield.....	Henry Miller.....	660 00	660 00	.....	59 00	59 00	5 00	5 00	54 00	15 00
Germentown	A. L. Brokaw	565 00	550 00	15 00	50 00	50 00	12 00	.....	.....	6 00
Gordon	E. P. James.....	450 00	450 00	.....	41 00	41 00	5 00	5 00	40 00	10 00
Greenville	J. W. Cassatt	1,350 00	1,350 00	.....	92 00	92 00	20 00	20 00	120 00	120 00
Lewisburg .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miamisburg.....	J. E. H. Sentman.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	96 00	96 00	20 00	16 00	100 00	45 00
New Madison.....	D. S. Ewrey.....	300 00	275 00	25 00	40 00	37 00	7 00	5 00	.....	5 00
New Paris.....	I. R. Marshall.....	545 00	532 00	13 00	32 00	32 00	7 00	4 00	.....	.....
Piqua: Grace	R. G. Easley	800 00	800 00	44 00	44 00	11 00	11 00	72 00	26 00
Greene Street	E. T. Wells	1,900 00	1,900 00	152 00	152 00	30 00	30 00	160 00	175 00

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		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CON. CLAIMANTS.		
		Claims, in- clud'g House Rent, or rent- al value of Parsonages.	Receipts, in- clud'g House Rent, or Rent- al Value of Parsonages ...	Deficiencies ...	Apportioned..	Paid	Apportioned..	Paid.....	Apportioned..	Paid.....	
Tippecanoe City and Milton ..	J. R. Hunter.....	\$725 00	\$725 00	.....	\$57 00	\$57 00	\$12 00	\$12 00	\$60 00	\$8 00
Troy.....	V. F. Brown.....	1,350 00	1,525 00	Ex 175 00	114 00	114 00	23 00	23 00	120 00	145 00	
Troy Circuit.....	Wm. M. West.....	629 00	587 00	42 00	51 00	40 00	8 00	.....	50 00	4 00
West Alexandria.....	C. T. Crum.....	496 00	496 00	.....	30 00	30 00	7 00	7 00	40 00	40 00
West Elkton	A. A. McGinnis	250 00	230 00	20 00	30 00	30 00	10 00	4 00	30 00	20 00	
Total.....	.....	22,714 00	22,779 00	Ex 65 00	1802 00	1792 00	357 00	310 00	1685 00	1154 00
HAMILTON DISTRICT.											
Bethany.....	Edward McHugh.....	920 00	920 00	.....	68 00	68 00	10 00	10 00	.....	26 00
Camden.....	Thos. Cundy	734 00	734 00	.....	59 00	59 00	10 00	10 00	60 00	15 00
Carthage and Elmwood Place	J. L. Shively.....	900 00	900 00	.....	60 00	60 00	10 00	10 00	72 00	67 00
Eaton.....	J. L. Glascock	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	96 00	96 00	20 00	20 00	100 00	93 00
Fair Haven.....	J. H. Goss	560 00	520 00	40 00	44 00	36 00	5 00	.....	5 00	5 00
Franklin.....	F. M. Clemans	1,020 00	1,020 00	.....	84 00	84 00	18 00	18 00	90 00	24 00
Glendale and Sharonville.....	C. L. Chapman.....	500 00	505 00	Ex 5 00	40 00	40 00	5 00	3 00	40 00	11 00	
Hamilton.....	C. W. Gullett	1,900 00	1,900 00	.....	120 00	120 00	20 00	20 00	120 00	42 00
Harrison.....	S. B. Ricketts.....	820 00	820 00	.....	64 00	62 00	.....	3 00	.....	10 00
Hartwell.....	E. H. Cherington	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	104 00	104 00	20 00	20 00	120 00	80 00
Lebanon	W. L. Hypes.....	1,282 00	1,282 00	.....	104 00	104 00	20 00	20 00	100 00	100 00
Lebanon Circuit.....	O. W. Dyer	300 00	300 00	.....	22 00	22 00	3 00	3 00	24 00	3 00
Lockland-Wyoming.....	J. F. Marlay	2,200 00	2,200 00	.....	160 00	160 00	25 00	25 00	170 00	170 00
Mason.....	J. T. Bail.....	900 00	900 00	.....	72 00	72 00	8 00	5 00	75 00	20 00
Middletown	D. C. Vance.....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	100 00	100 00	20 00	20 00	120 00	44 00
Monroe.....	Creighton Wones.....	925 00	925 00	.....	64 00	59 00	10 00	10 00	74 00	55 00
Montgomery	U. G. Humphrey	650 00	650 00	.....	52 00	52 00	8 00	8 00	.....	.....
Oxford	T. S. Cowden.....	1,250 00	1,250 00	.....	100 00	100 00	20 00	20 00	100 00	100 00

Pleasant Ridge and Bond Hill	Henry Hershey.....	625 00	625 00	.....	50 00	50 00	8 00	8 00	63 00	63 00
Port Union.....	D. A. McColm.....	900 00	883 00	17 00	68 00	59 00	10 00	7 00	70 00	10 00
Red Lion	C. W. Elliott.....	550 00	550 00	.....	44 00	44 00	7 00	7 00	50 00	10 00
Seven Mile.....	Frank Leever	800 00	800 00	.....	60 00	60 00	10 00	10 00	70 00	14 00
Springboro	M. L. Perry.....	530 00	500 00	30 00	40 00	40 00	6 00	2 00	45 00	15 00
Venice.....	J. A. Winkler.....	650 00	628 00	22 00	44 00	37 00	8 00	5 00	.....	4 00
Walker and Union.....	George T. Perry.....	500 00	515 00	Ex 15 00	40 00	40 00	10 00	4 00	50 00	10 00
West Chester.. ..	C. H. Kalbfus.....	679 00	585 00	94 00	48 00	41 00	6 00	5 00	50 00	18 00
Total.....	.....	24,195 00	24,012 00	183 00	1807 00	1769 00	297 00	273 00	1668 00	1009 00
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.										
Belfast	Charles Hartley	700 00	725 00	Ex 25 00	65 00	65 00	11 00	11 00	40 00	18 00
Blanchester.....	C. L. Winget	700 00	700 00	.....	55 00	55 00	.....	.....	.....	18 00
Bowersville.....	O. D. Becker	650 00	650 00	.....	60 00	60 00	10 00	10 00	36 00	22 00
Butler ville	E. J. Williams	465 00	405 00	60 00	50 00	50 00	8 00	8 00	.....	5 00
Clarksville	Philip Trout	650 00	650 00	.....	65 00	65 00	10 00	6 00	55 00	23 00
Goshen	G. T. Weaver.....	775 00	775 00	.....	65 00	65 00	12 00	12 00	60 00	40 00
Greenfield.....	Edmund Burdsall.....	1,380 00	1,380 00	.....	100 00	100 00	20 00	20 00	100 00	100 00
Hillsboro.....	James Murray.....	1,700 00	1,700 00	.....	175 00	175 00	28 00	25 00	112 00	85 00
Hillsboro Circuit.....	E. L. Knox.....	887 00	840 00	47 00	65 00	63 00	12 00	12 00	.....	40 00
Leesburg.....	J. W. Gaddis.....	900 00	950 00	Ex 50 00	70 00	70 00	12 00	12 00	60 00	40 00
Loveland.....	E. R. King.....	700 00	600 00	100 00	45 00	45 00	8 00	5 00	50 00	20 00
Lynchburg.....	G. P. Austin.....	840 00	840 00	.....	65 00	65 00	10 00	10 00	56 00	35 00
Maine ville	C. W. Briggs.....	575 00	516 00	59 00	47 00	42 00	9 00	8 00	40 00	24 00
Martinsville.....	J. M. Roberts	625 00	625 00	.....	60 00	60 00	8 00	8 00	.....	5 00
Morrow	Cyrus M. Van Pelt.....	750 00	750 00	.....	65 00	65 00	10 00	10 00	50 00	18 00
New Burlington.....	Henry Witham.....	825 00	825 00	.....	65 00	65 00	10 00	10 00	56 00	50 00
Newtown.....	A. T. Cowgill.....	700 00	700 00	.....	60 00	60 00	10 00	10 00	60 00	60 00
New Vienna and Lexington..	R. K. Deem.....	850 00	850 00	.....	70 00	70 00	10 00	10 00	70 00	70 00
Rainsboro.....	W. J. Baker	671 00	671 00	.....	65 00	65 00	8 00	6 00	60 00	25 00
Sabina	L. M. Davis.....	820 00	820 00	.....	65 00	65 00	10 00	10 00	56 00	20 00
Sinking Spring.....	J. H. Middleton	575 00	557 00	18 00	50 00	50 00	5 00	5 00	.....	10 00
South Lebanon	Wm. E. Spurrier.....	450 00	450 00	.....	40 00	40 00	5 00	5 00	34 00	15 00
Sugar Tree Ridge.....	J. H. Davis.....	500 00	450 00	50 00	50 00	45 00	7 00	7 00	45 00	19 00
Union	J. F. McColm	875 00	849 00	26 00	70 00	70 00	16 00	16 00	65 00	31 00

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		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CON. CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, in- clud'g House Rent, or rent- al value of Parsonages ...	Receipts, in- clud'g House Rent, or Rent- al Value of Parsonages ...	Deficiencies...	Apportioned.	Paid.....	Apportioned.	Paid	Apportioned.	Paid
Waynesville.....	C. L. Conger.....	\$950 00	\$852 00	\$98 00	\$80 00	\$80 00	\$10 00	\$10 00	.....	\$21 00
Wilmington.....	H. D. Ketcham ...	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	100 00	100 00	15 00	45 00	\$80 00	50 00
Total.....		20,723 00	20,330 00	\$393 00	1767 00	1755 00	274 00	261 00	1185 00	\$864 00
RIPLEY DISTRICT.										
Aberdeen.....	S. W. Edmiston, 3 mos...	800 00	415 00	385 00	60 00	40 00	8 00	5 00	70 00	10 00
	J. S. Ruggles, 9 mos.....									
Amelia	G. M. Fulton.....	800 00	800 00	.....	66 00	66 00	10 00	10 00	.....	30 00
Batavia.....	J. P. Shultz.....	924 00	924 00	.....	66 00	66 00	10 00	10 00	80 00	70 00
Bethel.....	George W. Fee.....	1,075 00	875 00	200 00	70 00	50 00	7 00	7 00	.....	6 00
Blue Creek.....	A. D. Singer	190 00	132 00	58 00	25 00	22 00	.....	2 00	.....	4 00
Centenary.....	F. W. Hypes	650 00	650 00	.....	44 00	44 00	7 00	7 00	50 00	10 00
Chilo.....	T. J. Tone.....	450 00	450 00	.....	45 00	45 00	8 00	5 00	45 00	5 00
Decatur.....	Ira E. Price.....	540 00	570 00	Ex 30 00	60 00	60 00	8 00	8 00	50 00	20 00
Feesburg.....	A. G. Newton.....	533 00	475 00	58 00	53 00	47 00	10 00	8 00	50 00	20 00
Felicity.....	J. S. Whitney.....	900 00	900 00	.....	60 00	60 00	10 00	5 00	80 00	12 00
Georgetown.....	S. B. Smith.....	800 00	800 00	.....	60 00	60 00	10 00	10 00	70 00	45 00
Jacksonville.....	W. S. Gray.....	345 00	319 00	26 00	40 00	40 00	9 00	1 00	31 00	2 00
Laurel.....	J. F. Laird.....	660 00	615 00	45 00	56 00	56 00	10 00	6 00	.....	16 00
Manchester.....	R. E. Smith, 8 mos.....	800 00	770 00	30 00	65 00	65 00	10 00	5 00	70 00	27 00
	M. E. Fuller, 4 mos.....									
Marathon	Samuel Given.....	424 00	424 00	.....	48 00	48 00	6 00	3 00	.....	7 00
Milford.....	L. F. Van Cleve.....	1,300 00	1,300 00	.....	72 00	72 00	14 00	14 00	110 00	60 00
Moscow.....	John Wilson.....	740 00	670 00	70 00	60 00	60 00	.....	8 00	.....	16 00
Mt. Orab and Sardinia.....	T. W. Williamson.....	700 00	700 00	.....	60 00	60 00	10 00	10 00	60 00	10 00
New Richmond.....	E. T. Lane.....	800 00	700 00	100 00	48 00	48 00	8 00	8 00	80 00	20 00

Olive Branch.....	L. O. Deputy.....	775 00	725 00	50 00	53 00	50 00	9 00	3 00	70 00	13 00
Owensville and Newtonville...	C. J. Wells.....	725 00	675 00	50 00	65 00	60 00	10 00	8 00	65 00	11 00
Ripley.....	D. D. Cheney.....	1,050 00	1,000 00	50 00	80 00	80 00	13 00	13 00	90 00	25 00
West Union.....	S. W. Campbell.....	675 00	675 00	.....	60 00	60 00	8 00	8 00	60 00	5 00
Williamsburg	W. H. Sutherland.....	800 00	800 00	.....	66 00	66 00	10 00	10 00	70 00	15 00
Winchester.....	W. P. Jackson.....	800 00	730 00	70 00	60 00	55 00	10 00	9 00	70 00	21 00
Total.....	.....	18,256 00	17,094 00	1,162 00	1442 00	1380 00	215 00	183 00	1270 00	480 00
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.										
Catawba.....	J. A. White.....	885 00	885 00	.....	70 00	70 00	15 00	15 00	70 00	51 00
Cedarville.....	G. L. Tufts.....	785 00	770 00	15 00	50 00	50 00	15 00	3 00	70 00	15 00
Dialton.....	J. E. Abrams.....	750 00	750 00	.....	50 00	50 00	15 00	12 00	65 00	28 00
Jamestown.....	J. S. Pumphrey.....	1,020 00	1,020 00	.....	75 00	75 00	20 00	20 00	90 00	65 00
King's Creek	Frank E. Vance	560 00	560 00	.....	40 00	40 00	12 00	3 00	50 00	20 00
Mechanicsburg	M. E. Ketcham.....	1,050 00	1,050 00	.....	90 00	90 00	18 00	10 00	90 00	45 00
Mutual.....	I. C. Page.....	600 00	600 00	.....	40 00	40 00	10 00	8 00	60 00	10 00
New Carlisle.....	W. C. Helt.....	950 00	955 00	Ex 5 00	70 00	70 00	18 00	14 00	80 00	43 00
New Jasper	W. R. Dudley.....	760 00	721 00	39 00	70 00	65 00	15 00	12 00	70 00	18 00
New Moorefield.....	O. M. Sellers.....	800 00	800 00	.....	60 00	60 00	15 00	11 00	70 00	15 00
South Charleston.....	J. McK. Shultz.....	900 00	851 00	*49 00	70 00	61 00	17 00	15 00	70 00	23 00
South Charleston Circuit.....	R. S. McColm.....	600 00	570 00	30 00	45 00	45 00	10 00	8 00	50 00	13 00
Springfield : Central.....	C. W. Barnes.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	135 00	135 00	35 00	15 00	140 00	125 00
Grace.....	W. I. Fee.....	920 00	920 00	.....	25 00	25 00	2 00	2 00	10 00	10 00
High Street	John R. Shannon.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	135 00	135 00	35 00	25 00	160 00	160 00
Saint Paul	G. W. Dubois.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	135 00	135 00	35 00	35 00	160 00	110 00
Tremont City.....	C. D. Munsey.....	800 00	775 00	25 00	85 00	85 00	20 00	5 00	85 00	59 00
Urbana : First Church.....	J. P. Porter.....	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	135 00	135 00	30 00	30 00	130 00	80 00
Grace.....	S. O. Royal.....	1,650 00	1,650 00	.....	120 00	120 00	25 00	15 00	140 00	92 00
Xenia : First Church.....	T. H. Pearne.....	1,700 00	1,700 00	.....	135 00	135 00	30 00	30 00	140 00	140 00
Trinity	A. N. Spahr.....	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	95 00	95 00	22 00	22 00	120 00	110 00
Yellow Springs....	H. C. Middleton.....	950 00	880 00	70 00	70 00	61 00	18 00	8 00	80 00	10 00
Total.....	.....	24,680 00	24,457 00	223 00	1800 00	1777 00	432 00	318 00	2000 00	1242 00

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	NAME OF PRESIDING ELDER	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
		PASTORS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CON. CLAIMANTS.	
		Claims, in- clud'g House Rent, or rent- al value of Parsonages...	Receipts, in- clud'g House Rent, or rent- al value of Parsonages...	Deficiencies...	Apportioned..	Paid	Apportioned..	Paid	Apportioned..	Paid
Cincinnati	John Pearson.....	\$40,407 00	\$40,528 00	Ex \$121 00	\$2,513 00	\$2,484 00	\$552 00	\$515 00	\$2,465 00	\$2,281 00
Dayton.....	Adam Bowers.....	22,714 00	22,779 00	Ex 65 00	1,802 00	1,792 00	357 00	310 00	1,685 00	1,154 00
Hamilton	George H. Dart...	24,195 00	24,012 00	183 00	1,807 00	1,769 00	297 00	273 00	1,668 00	1,009 00
Hillsboro	William Runyan.	20,723 00	20,330 00	393 00	1,767 00	1,755 00	274 00	261 00	1,185 00	864 00
Ripley	J. W. Mason.....	18,256 00	17,094 00	1,162 00	1,442 00	1,380 00	215 00	183 00	1,270 00	480 00
Springfield	F. G. Mitchell....	24,680 00	24,457 00	223 00	1,800 00	1,777 00	432 00	318 00	2,000 00	1,242 00
Totals .....	.....	150,975 00	149,200 00	1,961 00	11,131 00	10,957 00	2,127 00	1,860 00	10,273 00	7,030 00
Totals 1890.....	.....	145,570 00	143,180 00	2,518 00	11,223 00	11,043 00	2,205 00	1,945 00	.....	6,788 00
Increase .....	.....	5,405 00	6,020 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	242 00
Decrease .....	.....	.....	.....	557 00	92 00	86 00	78 00	85 00	.....	.....

* N. B.—The following reports have arrived too late for insertion in the tables: Tremont City, pastor's claim paid in full; Bishop's claim paid in full; South Charleston, pastor's salary paid in full.

STATISTICS NO. III, BY DISTRICTS.

GEORGE S. EASTON,

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, ADDYSTON, O.

NAME OF DISTRICT.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.									
	No. of Schools.....	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages...	Scholars in Inf. Class.	Avg. Attendance of Teachers & Scholars.	Library Books.....	Total Expenses of Schools this year....	Officers & Teachers Ch. Members or Probats	Scholars who are Ch. Members or Probats	No. of Conversions in S. S. this year.....
Cincinnati.....	42	793	6,359	1,783	4,554	6,063	\$4,091 00	772	1,482	238
Dayton.....	53	977	7,466	1,618	5,328	3,157	3,003 00	943	2,970	372
Hamilton.....	49	712	5,135	1,038	3,403	3,773	1,656 00	617	1,620	330
Hillsboro.....	83	1,094	7,063	1,317	4,979	1,571	2,392 00	1,021	3,657	390
Ripley.....	87	1,119	6,882	1,218	4,355	2,716	1,925 00	1,203	3,157	623
Springfield.....	50	916	6,145	1,232	4,136	4,720	2,396 00	857	2,691	495
Totals.....	364	5,611	39,050	8,206	26,755	22,000	15,463 00	5,413	15,577	2,448
Totals 1890.....	371	5,503	38,621	8,536	24,770	21,746	15,177 00	4,958	15,472	1,710
Increase.....	.....	108	429	.....	1,985	254	286 00	455	105	738
Decrease.....	7	.....	.....	330	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

VI.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

THE American Bible Society, by the vigorous and economic administration of its high trust and the catholic and impartial use of its funds, merits the abiding confidence of the Christian public.

Bible distribution, without note or comment as an expression of the faith of Protestantism in the "Blessed Book" was never more beautiful and becoming than it is to-day. It is a vindication as well as an utterance of the undisturbed faith that the Bible is a revelation of the "truth according to godliness, God breathed in its history and narrative of incident and fact; that the record and inspiration are essentially one; that as such it is God's message of hope to the world of men—a prime factor among the agencies of salvation." For faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Resolved, 1. We recognize the generous and indispensable help to our domestic and foreign missions, and pledge ourselves to renewed

and faithful care as pastors in the annual collection in all our Churches for this Society.

Resolved, 2. We would call the attention of our people, not only to faithfulness in the support of this Society, but to enlarged contributions to its treasury, in view of the increased demands made upon it for help because of the rapid territorial expansion and the incoming thousands of foreigners to the home-field, and of the open doors in all mission-fields, so that what is done must be done quickly.

Resolved, 3. We affirm our action of last year, and pledge co-operation with the auxilliary societies within our bounds in their movement to secure "a Bible of his or her own" for every child who can read.

D. A. MCCOLM, *Secretary.*

A. U. BEALL, *Chairman.*

CHURCH EXTENSION.

It is with profound pleasure we look upon the great and good work accomplished by the Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Within the past twenty-five years the Society has expended \$4,260,000, the result of which can not be estimated in time. Four churches per day, which the Church has built during the past year, means one more place for preaching the Word of God, for social religious services and Sunday-school work in one thousand four hundred and sixty neighborhoods. And yet the demand is not diminished, but the urgent cry for help continues, so that \$155,775 is needed to meet the present necessity.

As the Cincinnati Conference has shared in the work as follows:

The collections taken in our Churches from the beginning to the close of the sessions for the year 1890 have aggregated	\$43,705 05
Those reported this year at Philadelphia.....	232 00
At Cincinnati Conference.....	2,141 72
Making a total of.....	\$46,078 77

Churches within our bounds have received aid up to November 1, 1890, the close of the last Church Extension year to the number of twenty-seven.

By donations.....	\$6,925 00
By loans of.....	13,800 00
Those receiving loans returned.....	8,614 64
Leaving loans outstanding November 1, 1890, of.....	\$5,185 36

Resolved, That we are not only in profound sympathy with the work of the Church Extension Society, but will urge our people to aid it in their contributions and prayers.

J. L. DALBEY, *Secretary.*
J. G. VAUGHAN,

J. P. SHULTZ, *Chairman.*
J. J. McCABE.

COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That this Conference hereby tender to the citizens of Urbana, who have gracefully entertained us, and made our stay little less than one continued ovation, our grateful recognition and prayers for their future prosperity and happiness.

Resolved, That we hereby express our high appreciation of courtesies extended to us by the pastors and officers of the Churches in Urbana, and especially by the pastor and official members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, whose laborious and incessant care has anticipated and provided for every reasonable want. The beautiful decorations by the ladies of the Church, the thoughtfulness of the gentlemanly ushers, and the excellent music of the choir, deserve our appreciative acknowledgments.

Resolved, That we recognize with thanks the favors extended to us by such railroads as have granted us reduced rates of travel, and the press for extended reports of our proceedings.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the excellent and laborious services of S. O. Royal, George S. Easton, E. T. Wells, and their efficient assistants, whose labors are so essential to the proper conduct of our business.

Resolved, That the urbane manner, affectionate courtesy, and saintly Christian spirit of our venerable and beloved Bishop, R. S. Foster, have deeply impressed us, and we pray that his example may be an inspiring model to us all. Should God, in his merciful providence, prolong his life and permit him again to officially visit us, we will hail his coming as a benediction, and believe that these scenes of his early and wonderfully successful ministry would thereby receive their crowning favor.

Resolved, That we have highly appreciated the presence of our beloved brother, Bishop I. W. Joyce, during a portion of our Conference session and will ever rejoice when he may officially, or otherwise, visit us.

L. F. VAN CLEVE,
W. H. SUTHERLAND.

DEACONESS BOARD OF CONTROL.

THE Cincinnati Conference Board of Control of Deaconess Work are pleased to report, that there has been a steady and healthful growth in this, as they believe, divinely inspired movement in the Church. The Elizabeth Gamble Home and Christ Hospital have been frequently visited by the Board during the year, and all the departments as carefully inspected as their opportunities permitted. So far as they could observe, its affairs have been managed with great efficiency and at exceedingly small cost. Indeed, the economy of

the administration has been remarkable, as the report of the Conference Committee on this work will show.

During the year the first class of deaconesses was consecrated at Trinity Church, Cincinnati. Seven licentiates, the first fruits in our Conference, received their licenses as deaconesses in the Church of God. It was an occasion of very great interest, attracting an immense audience of representative Methodists, all in deepest sympathy with this Christ-like work.

It is interesting to note that the beautiful consecration service of that occasion was formally adopted by the National Convention of Deaconesses at Lakeside two months ago, to be used by the whole Church.

Better accommodations for the Home are imperatively needed. By reason of houses ill adapted to the work, there has been a constant and needless drain upon the strength of our deaconess workers—strength that ought to be, and gladly would be, given to their legitimate work. Arrangements are, however, being made for better accommodations in this respect. We are glad to learn that adequate provisions for a permanent abode will be made during the coming year, the particulars of which will be made public in due time.

That this great work may be eminently successful, all the pastors in the Conference, we think, ought to be in deepest sympathy with it. Its success depends largely upon their faithfulness in opening the way for the Secretary to present its claims, and in bringing its needs before their Churches in every possible way.

We recommend the reappointment of Rev. H. C. Weakley as general superintendent of the work. We give this work our unqualified indorsement, and pledge ourselves to give it our heartiest support.

J. F. MARLAY, *President*.

M. M. KUGLER, *Secretary*.

DIVORCE.

THE family is the unit of society. To impair its integrity is to weaken the foundations of society. No mere material prosperity can make up for a loosening of the bonds that make and keep the home pure and sweet and sacred.

“Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
When cities flourish and when men decay.”

Not to speak of Christianity, which is essential to the maintenance of the family and the home in its highest and best form, we can not hope to keep the holy bonds of the family as strong as they should be, while they are enfeebled by unwise and lax legislation—one of the crying evils and perils of the times. Two serious defects exist in the laws regulating marriage and divorce.

1. The laws in the several States on marriage and divorce are

quite too dissimilar. The causes or reasons prescribed in one State as justifying divorce make the procuring thereof difficult; and the causes assigned in another State for granting divorce make it comparatively easy. The laws in all the States should be substantially alike. If, after fair trial, this shall be found impossible by State legislation, then the Constitution of the United States should be so amended as to admit of one uniform law of marriage and divorce, enacted by Congress, operative alike in all the States and Territories of the Nation.

2. The causes or reasons for granting divorce are too many and too trivial. Persons entering into the marriage state should be taught, by invincible laws protecting it, that it is more than a simple civil contract, annulible for petty reasons as soon and as often as whim or policy may suggest. None but the weightiest reasons should be allowed to be set as grounds for granting a divorce.

The sufferings of married persons because of incompatibility of temper should not awaken sympathy strong enough to furnish an adequate reason for divorce, for two reasons: (1) Separation without divorce is practicable; (2) To grant divorces for incompatibility of temper would not only not remedy, but would aggravate and perpetuate, the evil. Divorced for incompatibilities of temper, these persons would rush again into matrimony, to repeat the experiences and failures of the former marriages, and to make necessary second, and possibly third and fourth, marriages and divorces. Our laws should be amended to make them more alike in different States, and to reduce the specified reasons for divorce.

As our laws must rest upon an enlightened and virtuous public opinion, it is indispensable that the subject of marriage and divorce should be agitated until public opinion concerning it is wholesome and Christian. It is, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That at least once each year, in all our charges, we will faithfully preach on this subject, setting forth clearly and earnestly the nature and obligations of the marriage relation.

2. *Resolved*, That early in the year we will circulate petitions, asking our senators and representatives in the Ohio General Assembly to reduce the legal causes for divorce.

3. *Resolved*, That the present Special Committee on Divorce be requested to prepare and send to each pastor petitions in pursuance of the second resolution.

4. *Resolved*, That our delegates to the ensuing General Conference be requested to use their influence to add to our present Disciplinary provisions such others as will direct all preachers in charge to preach annually a sermon on the marriage relation.

THOMAS H. PEARNE, ASBURY LOWREY,
C. H. PAYNE, L. F. VAN CLEVE.
GEO. K. MORRIS,

EDUCATION.

I. OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

It is with gratitude to God that we record the events which transpired in our Mother Conference, held fifty years ago in this very city. That Conference appointed a Committee, consisting of J. M. Trimble, Chas. Elliott, L. L. Hamline, J. B. Finley, and Uriah Heath, to visit Delaware, and report upon the advisability of locating a University there. The report of the Committee was unanimous and enthusiastic in favor of the enterprise, and the Conference resolved to establish a University at Delaware. And now, "what hath God wrought!" Who, half a century ago, when that action was taken, dreamed that within fifty years the University would have an annual attendance of one thousand one hundred students—more than twice as many as were then found in the largest University in America? Who thought then that within fifty years the University would own property valued at \$693,000? Who then dreamed that, within the lifetime of some members of that commission, there would go out from the halls of that University one thousand nine hundred graduates; fifty per cent of them Christians when they entered the school; forty per cent of them converted at the college altar; ninety per cent of them leaving the University as educated Christians? Well may we exclaim with grateful hearts: "What hath God wrought!"

During the past year the University has been unusually favored. Among the solid gains made during the year, have been gifts and subscriptions of \$60,000, and contributions of \$9,000 more on the annuity plan, the introduction of an additional professor in modern languages, and of an additional professor in science, and of two more tutors; so that there is now a teacher in the University for every thirty-five students, and the fear that the classes are too crowded for good work is without foundation.

The General Government has also consented to furnish the University a military professor at Government expense. The influence of military exercise upon the health of the student, giving him a mastery of the body as well as inculcating patriotism, will prove immeasurable.

The college classes show an enrollment of 526, against 484 the previous year—an increase of 42 in the College Department over the highest previous enrollment. The total enrollment in all departments was 1,082.

We rejoice greatly over the establishment of a post-graduate course of study, and in the direction and inspiration which the University thus furnishes her graduates after they leave the college halls.

Above all, we rejoice over the continued spiritual prosperity of the University, which, during the past year, has resulted in the conversion of between ninety-five and one hundred students, in the offer of more than a score for the ministry or for missionary work; so that we may exclaim of the past year, as well of the past half century: "What hath God wrought!"

Your Committee feel that the courage, enthusiasm, and self-sacrifice of the authorities in undertaking the erection of University Hall merit special attention. This building, which is now well under way is a stone structure, one hundred and sixty feet long by one hundred and fifty feet wide, and four stories high. It will contain a chapel capable of seating two thousand one hundred persons, and of enlargement by the addition of a lecture-room to accommodate three thousand persons. This will be one of the finest auditoriums in Methodism. The building will contain two more lecture-rooms, seating three hundred each, which can be thrown together, thus furnishing a fine Young Men's Christian Association room for the weekly prayer-meetings, etc.

The building will contain, in addition to the chapel and the three lecture-rooms named, eleven recitation-rooms, offices for the President and Vice-President, a large parlor for the accommodation of young women during the day-time, and five halls for literary societies. In a word, University Hall will be one of the most stately, spacious, and useful structures owned by any college in the United States. It is fifty per cent larger than Osborn^{*} Hall, the finest building of Yale University, which has been erected recently at a cost of \$160,000. This noble structure will be secured at a cost of \$140,000. Of this amount, the authorities have secured \$70,000, and \$30,000 more from contractors and owners of materials, making \$100,000 in all secured toward the enterprise.

It will cost \$20,000 more to complete the structure, and then \$20,000 to furnish it with heating apparatus, an organ, and five thousand seats. The completion of this structure will enable the college to gather all of its students into one room for daily chapel services, and will furnish a room large enough for the annual revival services. It will enable the University to accommodate, so far as chapel and recitation-rooms are concerned, two thousand students.

In view of this splendid enterprise undertaken by the University, of the generous responses made by individual subscribers, of the pressing need of chapel and recitation-rooms, and of the sacred uses to which the chapel will be devoted, we feel sure that this enterprise is a providential work. In view of the importance of completing and furnishing University Hall without debt, your Committee on Education unanimously recommend that the ministers of the Cincinnati Conference pledge themselves personally to make the utmost effort to secure this year, by personal solicitation or otherwise, not less than five per cent of their salaries toward the furnishing of the hall. And in order to get this special contribution out of the way of our collections, and that the University may know what it can depend upon, we recommend that our ministers agree to report to President Bashford within three months the success of their personal efforts in aiding this glorious enterprise.

We recommend the reappointment of Bishop J. M. Walden as trustee for five years.

We recommend the reappointment of Rev. J. W. Bashford, Ph. D., D. D., as president, and of Rev. L. D. McCabe, D. D., LL. D., to the chair of philosophy.

We recommend as visitors, Rev. William Macafee and Rev. S. O. Royal.

II. DREW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Drew Seminary, at Madison, N. J., is, we rejoice to learn, in a flourishing condition. The number of students enrolled last year was 133, as against 112 the preceding year. Its library, housed in a fire-proof building, contains now about twenty-six thousand volumes. The nearness of this school to New York, Newark, and the suburbs of these cities affords the students ample opportunities for evangelistic, pastoral and pulpit work, by which they may earn at least a part of their expenses while serving the cause.

We recommend as visitors to Drew Seminary, Rev. Wilber G. Warner, A. M., and Rev. Chas. H. Haines, A. B.

III. GARRETT BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

This school maintains its high grade of scholarship, and is advancing in numbers, as well as along the line of devotional missionary, evangelistic, and pastoral efforts on the part of its students, thus affording them means of support, as well as opportunities for usefulness. The registration shows one hundred and ninety-six students, thirty-eight of whom were graduated last May. Of these graduates, two will enter the foreign missionary work, while the remainder have either entered upon, or will shortly assume, pastoral work in the home-field.

We recommend as visitors to the Garrett Biblical Institute, Rev. L. D. McCabe, D. D., and Rev. A. Lowrey, D. D.

IV. BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

The Boston University School of Theology had an attendance of one hundred and forty during the past year, of whom ninety were college graduates. One student during the year pursued post-graduate studies in philosophy in Berlin, Germany, as an incumbent of the Jacob Sleeper Fellowship.

The students had more largely than heretofore a practical training in city mission-work. Upwards of sixty under-graduates found employment in pastoral work in Boston and vicinity.

We are persuaded that this institution, by reason of its providential location in the center of a great city, and the scholarship, piety, and loyalty of its faculty, deserves the continued patronage of the Church.

We recommend as visitors to this institution, Rev. J. A. Story, A. M., and Rev. E. S. Lewis, D. D.

V. DePAUL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

We are pleased to note the increased facilities of this School of Theology, in buildings and professors, for the training of young men for the ministry.

At the request of Dr. H. A. Gobin, dean of the Faculty, we take pleasure in recommending as visitors to this school, Rev. Geo. K. Morris, D. D., and Rev. R. H. Rust, D. D.

VI. SEVERAL OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

At the last session of our Conference, a Commission, consisting of Drs. Van Cleve, Pearson, and Runyan, and Rev. D. W. Clark, was appointed to consider the relations and obligations of the Cincinnati Conference to the several educational institutions within our bounds; and this Commission was authorized to take such action as would "relieve the Conference of all further financial obligation to or connection, if any, with all these institutions, except the Ohio Wesleyan University, and secure to this Conference such equities as we are entitled to." This Commission, through Dr. Van Cleve, reports as follows:

1. AS TO CINCINNATI WESLEYAN COLLEGE, this Conference has no financial responsibility in any formal or legal manner whatever; nor is it in anywise responsible for its educational work, the charter thereof not making any provision therefor. Any oversight of this institution by this Conference, through Visiting and Examining Committees, and any report of the same is only a courtesy by the consent of parties, on request of either, in no way provided for by the rules of the corporation.

2. AS TO SPRINGFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE: With this institution the Conference has a vital connection as custodian of the real estate on High Street, in Springfield, together with a fund known as the "McFadden Bequest," the amount of which was originally about \$1,500; the interest on which, at six per cent, would make it amount at the present time to about \$4,000.

This fund is now held, as is also the college property, by a corporation in Springfield, who leased the same about eighteen years ago for a term of twenty-five years, for the uses of an undenominational seminary, and the lease has yet several years to run.

3. AS TO HILLSBORO COLLEGE: This oldest of our institutions has been a valuable instrument of Methodism in a large territory. The Conference has assumed responsibilities and met them, from time to time, and secured a small endowment, which is administered by the Board of Trustees, but can not be diverted from this college.

The Conference holds the right to elect a majority of the trustees from year to year, but it has no pecuniary liability nor any transferable property right in the institution. During the year, certain parties purchased a large proportion of the stock shares, and attempted to dissolve, through the court, the corporation, sell the property, and divide the proceeds among the stockholders. Deeming this a most unjust proceeding, your Commission advised the board to employ legal counsel and resist the same. This they have done, and a successful school has been maintained during the past year.

We recommend as trustees of the Hillsboro College W. C. Duckwall, J. L. West, James Reece, Jacob Sayler, George W. Barrere, Charles Harsha, William Runyan, and the pastor of the Hillsboro Methodist Episcopal Church.

We recommend the appointment of the following persons as trustees of the Springfield Female College: E. G. Dial, C. C. Roeser,

J. K. Mower, J. S. Shewalter, G. H. Phillips, Robert Johnson, H. Bradley, J. W. Parsons, and Dr. R. B. House.

VII. BOARD OF EDUCATION.

This Conference notes with pleasure the excellent work which the Board of Education is doing. It has demonstrated the importance of such a connectional organization to supervise, direct, and promote our educational interests throughout the entire Church.

The "Children's Fund," in aid of students, which this Board disburses, is accomplishing great good, and we are gratified to observe in the latest annual report that in the last two years there has been an increase in the "Children's-day" collections of sixty-nine per cent, and an increase in returned loans of ninety per cent.

We are pleased to learn also that the movement to unify the work of Conference educational societies with that society, inaugurated by this Conference at its last session, is meeting with good success, several of the largest Conferences having taken action favorable to placing all collections for the aid of students in the hands of the Board of Education. This unification secured will greatly simplify our Children's-day collections, and will add to the efficiency of this department of our Church-work.

The number of students aided by the Board for the school year just closed has reached 1,060. Of this number, 872 were preparing for the ministry and for missionary work. The total number aided from the beginning is 3,790. This is a very gratifying showing.

We also desire to express our gratification at the effort to secure a connectional and unified system of education for the whole Church. The evils which would be remedied and the advantages secured by such a system can not fail to impress all thoughtful minds in Methodism. We heartily indorse the "Proposed Basis of Principles for the Federation of our Methodist Institutions of Learning," which has been given to the Church by the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. C. H. Payne, and we recommend the adoption of this plan, substantially, by the Educational Commission soon to meet, and by the ensuing General Conference.

"Children's-day" is an agency of vast good for developing in the two and a quarter millions of youth in our Sunday-schools a type of intelligent and consecrated character, and it also furnishes a connecting link between these millions of Sunday-school scholars and our institutions of learning. We would therefore emphasize the importance of observing this day in every appointment; and as the programme prepared by the Board aims to secure the highest ends, we recommend its general use.

We also recommend the taking of a collection in every Sunday-school on "Children's-day." This collection, and any other collections for the direct aid of students, in accordance with the action of the Conference last year, should all go to the Board of Education for disbursement. This collection is not to be confused with the special

pledge to raise money for the new building at Delaware. The funds for these widely different objects are to be kept separate, and to be separately reported to the Conference. C. H. PAYNE, *Chairman*.

J. F. MARLAY, *Secretary*.

ELIZABETH GAMBLE DEACONESS HOME AND CHRIST HOSPITAL.

AFTER weary years of longing, Methodism has at last a hospital in Cincinnati. The exceptional liberality of Mr. James Gamble, deceased, and his son, Mr. James N. Gamble, makes this possible. So quietly has the work gone forward that few realize its magnitude. During the past year over fifteen hundred prescriptions have been given away, and nearly five thousand days and nights of gratuitous service has been given the afflicted poor.

The tabulated work for the deaconesses for the year is as follows: Three thousand seven hundred hours of district nursing by deaconesses, 25,058 visits by deaconesses, 1,339 prayers offered in the homes of the poor, 750 opportunities to read the Scriptures, 25,512 tracts and papers distributed.

For such results we devoutly thank God. The day for which our hearts have longed has dawned at last. Your Committee heartily join in recommending the adoption of the action of your Committee for last year, as expressed in the following:

WHEREAS, The Society has been so successful, under its present organization, in securing the confidence and co-operation of the Church at large, we therefore request that there be no change in the management, but that it may continue to appeal to the Church at large.

We therefore recommend the continuance of the present Conference Board of Control, composed of the following persons: Rev. J. F. Marlay, Rev. M. M. Kugler, Rev. H. C. Weakley, Mrs. Bishop Walden, Mrs. T. H. Pearne, Mrs. W. B. Shattuc, Hon. H. Elliott, Gen. B. R. Cowen, J. N. Gamble.

We request the appointment of Rev. H. C. Weakley, Superintendent of Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ Hospital, and commend him and his cause to the confidence, love, and liberality of our people.

C. W. BARNES, *Secretary*. REV. J. G. VAUGHAN, *Chairman*.

J. W. PETERS, S. B. SMITH.

E. BURDSALL,

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

REALIZING that a consecrated youth will give us a victorious Church, we are gratified to see the rapidly increasing numbers and efficiency of the Epworth League, believing that its growth and development will give to us an increased spirituality among the young

people of our Church. We can but regard its marvelous growth as an evidence of its providential character, and we rejoice to know that first of all, and chiefest of all, it aims to develop the spiritual life of its members. We heartily indorse its objects and methods, trusting that the time may never come when the devotional idea shall be subordinated to either the literary or social features, good as they may be in their proper relations. We regard with pleasure its efficient work in training the youth of our Churches to systematic Christian effort in various lines, and pledge to it our hearty support and co-operation. We would submit the following recommendations:

1. We urge upon all pastors where no Chapter of the League exists the importance of organizing such a movement as soon as practicable, and that they give such aid and direction to the work done as may be necessary to efficient and wise service.

2. Inasmuch as only two districts in the Conference, the Hamilton and the Springfield Districts, are fully organized at the present time, we recommend that each presiding elder's district be requested to organize in harmony with the plan of the local Chapters, as was recommended by the last convention of this General Conference District. Such organizations will add to the strength of the work in the Conference by giving an increased uniformity to the methods and working of the Chapters.

3. We recommend that a Committee on the Epworth League be made one of the Standing Committees of the Conference.

4. We suggest the holding of a mass-meeting in the interest of the League, on some evening of the next session of the Conference. This meeting shall be arranged for by the Conference Secretary of the League, assisted by the members of the Standing Committee.

5. We recognize with pleasure the courtesy of the *Western Christian Advocate* in its liberal allowance of one page of its valuable space to Epworth League interests. We suggest that the Chapters in our Conference send to the paper brief notices of work done by them, and of new plans they may have adopted with marked success. By this means many valuable and helpful hints may be given to League workers in the limits of the patronizing Conferences.

6. We desire to specially commend the *Epworth Herald*, which, under the able editorial management of Rev. J. F. Berry, D. D., has rapidly taken a place in the front rank of religious journalism. This paper, giving news from the entire field, and presenting a varied and most interesting table of contents each week, may safely be placed in every home and into the hands of all our young people. We fully indorse the effort to raise the subscription-list to fifty thousand before November 1st, and hope the Chapters in our Conference will do their full share in so extending the circulation. We believe our young people will be peculiarly benefited by the regular visits of the *Herald* to their homes.

M. E. KETCHAM, *Secretary*.

C. H. HAINES,

H. D. KETCHAM,

E. S. LEWIS, *President*.

D. D. CHENEY,

J. L. SHIVELY.

FINANCE.

YOUR Committee beg leave to submit the following:

We are deeply impressed with the fact that the pledge by all our membership, when received into full connection in the Church, that "we will contribute according to our ability to the support of the gospel and of the various benevolent enterprises of the Church," is by many soon forgotten, and by many others entirely disregarded. Yet we are glad to report that many are doing nobly; but it soon becomes burdensome to the few, thus defraying all the expenses of the Church, and the question arises, How may we obviate this difficulty? We think this may be accomplished by a united effort on the part of the ministry and officary of the Church—

1. By the preachers fully explaining to candidates for full membership the obligation to support the gospel and benevolent enterprises of the Church.

2. By presenting every collection separately, and allowing it to stand upon its own merits.

3. By examples of liberality to the Church, teaching them to contribute too all its benevolent enterprises.

4. Let each preacher in charge preach at least one sermon during the year, to each of his congregations, upon the obligation to support the gospel.

J. T. BAIL, *Chairman.*

J. S. WHITNEY, *Secretary.*

J. G. VAUGHAN.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION
SOCIETY.

THIS year has witnessed the completion of a quarter of a century of effort of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. During this time about \$3,000,000 has been expended by the Society in the work of Christian education in the South among the whites and blacks. Of this sum, \$1,800,800 has been invested in real estate, buildings, furniture, libraries, etc.; 54,324 students have been for a longer or shorter period in the schools; many of them are ministers and teachers, and all of them are prepared by so much to better discharge the duties of life for their sojourn in the schools. Nine colleges with 155 teachers, 3,957 students, and property valued at \$935,000, are the showing for higher education, while Gammon Theological Seminary at Atlanta, Ga., worth \$100,000 and endowment of \$200,000, has had, since its foundation in 1875, 207 students; 79 of whom were enrolled the past year, and 102 men were instructed in the theological departments of other schools.

In ten academies established by this Society among the colored people in the South, there was an attendance, last year, of 2,232 students,

with 56 teachers, and property worth \$148,000. There are three colleges for whites, having 57 teachers, 1,011 students, and property valued at \$465,000, the schools at Athens and Chattanooga, Tenn., enrolling 632 of this number. The Society has thirteen academies for white people, in which there were, last year, 58 teachers, 2,031 students, and property held at \$152,800. Thus the total of the showing of the work of the Society in this quarter-centennial year is 41 institutions, 300 teachers, 9,319 students, and property valued at \$1,800,800. The receipts for the year ending in June last were \$55,972.26 greater than any preceding year.

A Medical College at Nashville, Tenn., has graduated 130 colored physicians, 101 of whom are now practicing among their people throughout the South—more than one-half of all the colored physicians of the Southern States.

Industrial schools have been established in connection with several of the larger institutions, in which over twenty distinct industries are taught; more than three thousand men and women availing themselves of their facilities last year. The work of education under this Society is better graded and unified than any system in this country, if not in the world.

The property is absolutely secure to the Church.

Schools of the same grade have substantially the same curriculum.

No new schools will probably ever be established without the consent and concurrence of the central office of the Society. The Bible is a text-book in each school, whether collegiate or academic.

During the past year not only were all expenses met, but \$7,299 were paid on indebtedness.

The total amount of tuition received last year from students was \$55,775, an increase of nearly \$10,000 over the preceding year. Of the \$240,500 apportioned to the Conferences, \$40,000 was apportioned to the Southern Conferences. With gratitude we recognize and record this indication of the desire on the part of these wards of the Church, the inclination and tendency, to help themselves to advanced education. We record with gratitude the increase of \$969 in our Conference contribution over last year.

Resolved, 1. That the apportionment of the Board of Directors to this Conference of \$6,400 be accepted as our estimate of the amount reasonably expected therefrom, and that we will use our utmost endeavor to secure the same.

Resolved, 2. That the authorized agents of the Society are cordially welcome to our pulpits for the presentation of the cause.

Resolved, 3. That the *Christian Educator*, the official organ of the Society, is worthy of our patronage and commendation, and that the helps in the way of responsive services and hymns sent out, on request from the central office, receive our indorsement as efficient means for diffusing information concerning the work of the Society, and in arousing enthusiasm.

Resolved, 4. That we approve the suggestion of the Board of Directors in their action as set forth below:

“We believe that a day set apart as Southern Education Day,

upon which all our Churches would unite and present the cause of Southern education, would greatly increase the interest and the collections for this cause. We therefore designate the *Fourth Sunday of November* to be known as Southern Education Day."

JOHN F. LOYD, *Chairman,*

SYLVESTER WEEKS, *Secretary.*

LAKESIDE.

YOUR Committee on Lakeside respectfully report :

Lakeside now has two organizations, Lakeside Company and the Lakeside Camp-meeting Association. Certain reasons have led to the wish to merge these two organizations into one, that will have the control of the services of whatever kind held on the grounds.

Lakeside is in the bounds of the Central Ohio Conference, but the Central German, North Ohio, East Ohio, and Cincinnati Conferences are now associated in the organization, and have equal rights in the management by the appointment annually of three trustees each, for the term of two years.

The Lakeside Chautauqua Assembly and Camp-meeting—English and German—held this year, were eminently useful and successful. There is no similar place in this country where the holy Sabbath is more sacredly kept; nothing is allowed to mar the quiet and rest of the day. It is well worth a long journey to this place to see and enjoy, in these times, an ideal Sabbath, where the whistle of train and steamer and the cries of newsboys and cab-drivers are not heard. The influence that such an institution exerts on young people is incalculable. It is probable that an Itinerants' Club and other popular and useful features will be added in the near future.

We recommend that the following brethren be elected trustees for two years: Wm. Macafee, S. A. Keen, and J. W. Peters, ministers; and Judge W. R. Warnock, J. S. Frizell, and Robert Johnson, laymen. We also recommend that Gen. B. R. Cowen be elected a trustee for the unexpired term of J. M. DeCamp.

J. F. MARLAY,

J. W. PETERS,

T. H. PEARNE,

W. A. GAMBLE,

H. C. WEAKLEY,

W. R. WARNOCK.

MISSIONS.

WHEN the great Head of the Church stood on the Mount of Ascension and commissioned a few penniless followers to make conquest of the world, he required of them, not the completion, but the commencement of this seemingly impossible achievement. They were to toil, and suffer, and die, bequeathing to their successors through the coming ages the divine commission. Apostolic succession was to be a

succession of service, and not of rank. The command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," falls to-day, not upon the ear of a proscribed and penniless Church, but a Church rich in power and resources beyond the dream of apostle or martyr. And all of this growth, from the humblest chapel to the grandest cathedral, is the fruitage of missionary zeal and sacrifice. Is it unjust for God to demand seed from this harvest to sow other fields? The Church must cultivate the missionary spirit and push forward its missionary work, or die. The marvelous growth of our own Methodism is attributable to its missionary spirit and character. We rejoice in the growing sympathy of the Church with its benevolent enterprises.

There is a growing spirit of benevolences. Collections, legacies, and gifts are on the increase, and the present outlook is that we will reach the million and a quarter line this year. Yet the vast resources of the Church are as yet comparatively untouched. We must have a contribution to the missionary treasury from every member of the Church.

We recommend that our pastors inform the people, along with other missionary information, of the annuity plan of the Missionary Society with reference to bequests. These annuities pay the donor from four to six per cent.

We rejoice that missions are a glorious success. In the recent past the advance has been unprecedented. Last year was the most successful in the history of our mission-work at home and abroad.

"The members and probationers in our foreign missions now number 74,731, an advance of 5,876, and an increase of over eight and a half per cent on the membership of the previous year." The future was never more promising than now. The great missionary problem of to-day is not how to reach the heathen, or where to find missionaries. The heathen in some of our foreign fields are knocking for admission to the Church in such numbers that the problem is how to care for them. And in this land there stands an army of about seven thousand Christian young men and women, volunteers, ready to go into the mission-field at the Church's bidding. We can not say, "The harvest is great and the laborers are few." The greatest need of the missionary movement to-day is an overflowing treasury.

We recommend that in every charge a monthly missionary concert of prayer and dissemination of missionary information be maintained; and, in order that zeal may be according to knowledge, we further recommend that the *Gospel in All Lands* and *World-wide Missions* be given the largest possible circulation. "Let there be light."

We recommend that, as far as possible, our Sunday-schools observe Easter Sunday as the children's special missionary-day.

We commend most heartily the observance of "Self-denial Week," suggested by the Missionary Secretaries, commencing September 27th and ending October 4th, or as soon thereafter as practicable. The missionary office at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, will send out free "Self-denial Week" envelopes to all pastors who will order them.

We suggest that on the Sabbath that opens the week chosen,

sermons be preached in all our pulpits where practicable on the subject of "Self-denial," but would solemnly and earnestly request that the theme be not pitched in a penny and nickel key.

The proceeds of this week should reach the missionary office previous to October 31st, that they may be reported for the fiscal year which closes on that date.

J. E. H. SENTMAN, <i>Secretary.</i>	D. W. CLARK, <i>President.</i>
D. C. VANCE,	C. WONES,
J. L. GLASCOCK,	D. L. AULTMAN.
J. L. SHIVELY,	

MORMONISM.

WE protest Mormonism as an institution inimical to social purity, as pretending to a conscience claiming the right to rule the civil State, and as an organized, armed, and fortified menace to the peace and perpetuity of the Republic. Its history is stained with the offense of illegitimacy, crime against the sacredness of the divine institution of marriage, the plunder of private fortune, the assassination of human life, and the rape of National territory. It has templed and fortified itself in the canyons of Utah, and insolently mocked at the sanctities of religion, and defiantly challenged the iron-strong arm of public sentiment and civil law. It has already cost millions of dollars of the public revenue raised by property taxation, and the lives of hundreds of the valiant soldiers and servants of the Republic. It has proven itself a perplexing problem to statesmanship, a barrier to the progress of Christian civilization, a scandal to the Nation, and a constant and conscienceless menace to constituted, legitimate National authority. It recruits its ranks from the most ignorant and debauched elements of American population, and the most infectious, social slums of transatlantic countries. It imports a class of degraded immigrants from the pauper elements of Europe, and, under the shallow pretense of religious liberty, institutes a form of white female slavery as obnoxious as the chattel servitude abolished by, and the greatest compensation for, the blood and treasure expended in our Civil War. Under the ægis of legalized polygamy, it revives and perpetuates the old barbarism that yoked woman like a beast to the plow of a lazy lord, or locked her up in the cruel wards of an imprisoning seraglio. It has been secretly engaged in a degrading evangelism, and silently intrenched itself in the strongholds of our Western mountains until it has not only smiled at civil authority, but insolently challenged the armed police of the Nation. Regarding it as a dangerous social crime, a hurtful moral iniquity, and a fortified threat to the National life; wearied with the costly toleration that has prolonged its existence, and protracted an excuseless shame that has deepened our blush and paralyzed apologies for its continued existence,—we therefore demand such legislation as will bar the emigration of its debauched proselytes, the continued

curse of virgin territory with licensed adultery, and the scandalous shame to the integrity of the marriage obligation and the boasted purity of American institutions. It will not satisfy us to corral it within fortified canyons and territorial quarantine. We demand the extirpation of the spreading and devouring cancer, ichorous sore, and infectious root and filament, and class it with those evils to protest which the Church is firmly set and the pulpit is unhesitatingly voiced. As Christians, we denounce it as a relic of criminal barbarism; as patriot citizens, we demand its utter overthrow.

We do now as heretofore and will forever, until extirpated, unqualifiedly declare that it is the escapeless duty of the American Congress to put it in the process of speedy extinction, and demand of all magisterial and judicial and military authority a thorough and relentless execution of the statutes bearing upon its restraints, and working toward its full and final extirpation from the soil consecrated to moral and political freedom as exponented by the Bible, and a fair exposition of the Constitution and laws, and the best traditions of the free Republic of these limited States and Territories.

We approvingly recognize the Congressional legislation already secured putting Mormonism under check, but desire such further enactments as may render that already had effective. In no event, under whatever pledges made while in a territorial condition, will we consent to the reception of Utah as a State while Mormonism retains, under its hurtful dogmas, a vestige of political power.

It must abandon all claims to rule by a divine right, and abolish polygamy ere it be welcomed to the sisterhood of States.

HOWARD HENDERSON, *Chairman*.

RICHARD RUST.

PARSONAGES.

THERE are within the bounds of the Cincinnati Conference one hundred and seven parsonages, with an average value of \$2,500. There are forty-eight charges without parsonages, thus showing that the good work is not yet all done.

We gratefully recognize the good work of our people in providing convenient and substantial homes for our ministers. We deem it a privilege to express our appreciation of their kind and generous regard for the wants of pastors and their families. Good homes for our ministers are not only convenient, but needful and money-saving to the Church.

We believe that greater success is possible, and that without increasing the burden of our people, and would recommend that there be established a Parsonage Fund, each member contributing a small amount annually—imitating the example of building associations, savings banks, and other similar institutions—and thereby securing for themselves parsonages that would be homes of beauty, comfort, and convenience for pastors in the charges not already supplied with them.

We also recommend that each parsonage be provided with all the heavy articles of furniture, and the grounds improved by the setting out of fruit, ornamental, and shade trees, and that Parsonage Committees, trustees, and pastors properly care for and preserve the same.

J. W. HICKMAN, <i>Secretary.</i>	M. M. KUGLER, <i>Chairman.</i>
E. P. JAMES,	I. C. PAGE,
C. T. CRUM,	CHAS. HARTLEY.

PEACE.

THE Committee on Peace submit the following report:

The herald angels sang of the coming of the "Prince of Peace." As followers of that Prince, we pray that his reign shall be one of universal empire.

We are glad that we live in a time when it is unnecessary to maintain a standing army. We pray for the speedy fulfillment of the prophecy that "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither learn war any more." We favor a united effort of all Christian bodies in securing the settlement of all international difficulties by arbitration.

J. STEPHENSON, *President.*

R. G. EASLEY, *Secretary.*

PERIODICALS AND BOOK CONCERN.

FROM the last annual exhibit, we learn that there has been a gratifying increase in the general business of our Book Concerns. In the East the increase of sales, as compared with the preceding year, was \$39,325.28. In the West the monthly average increase of sales for eleven months was \$5,666.31.

In the periodical business the West makes the better showing, as is illustrated by the relative growth or want of growth in the circulation of the two leading *Advocates*. There was a decrease of 800 in the circulation of the *Christian Advocate* for 1890, as compared with the previous year, while there was an increase of 1,625 in the circulation of the *Western Christian Advocate*. The *Western* is our home paper. The distinguished ability with which it is conducted is recognized by all, and it ought to receive a still larger increase of subscribers the coming year.

The *Methodist Review*, though published in New York, is not in any sense local as to its patronage. Its circulation for 1890 was 6,200, an increase of 500 over the preceding year. But this brightest star in the galaxy of American Reviews deserves, and ought to receive, a much larger patronage, especially among our ministers.

It is a question of the first importance with every Sunday-school

worker, Where can the best helps be procured? Your Committee would answer, without hesitation, that in their judgment our own publications are the very best in that line that are within reach. For this reason, and also for the reason that the profits are appropriated to such benevolent uses, we would earnestly advise our people to send to the Methodist Book Concern for all their Sunday-school helps.

No information touching unsettled accounts has been presented to this Committee. We have, therefore, nothing to report in that line.

J. W. CASSATT, *Chairman*.

M. DUSTIN, *Secretary*.

P. S.—The above report was amended by adding the statement of Lucien Clark that the circulation of the *Christian Advocate* was larger this year (1891) than the previous year, or for several years past.—SECRETARY.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

THE command, "Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy," is God's command, and not man's. Obedience to law is always beneficial to the one obeying, and not detrimental. Sabbath observance is essential to man's highest well-being. The plea that this law was designed for the Israelites, and not for Americans, is without foundation.

While we believe that the Christian Sabbath will never be wholly lost to the Church and the world, yet it is not beyond danger, and it will need, in years to come, the vigilant watchfulness of its friends and advocates. In view of this fact, be it, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we urge the heads of the families in our charges to observe the day in a becoming manner, and to take their children with them to the house of God at least once on the Sabbath.

Resolved, 2. That we shall endeavor to dissuade those of our people who are in the habit of indulging in questionable practices on Sunday—such as giving dinner parties, visiting, traveling, etc.—from a continuance in those practices.

Resolved, 3. That we use every possible means to have our present laws relating to Sabbath observance *enforced*, and to have other laws enacted, if need be, to preserve this rest-day to the Church and to toiling humanity.

Resolved, 4. That we greatly deplore the increase, in recent years, in Sunday newspaper-reading among Christian people, and that we shall endeavor, both by example and precept, to check this form of Sabbath desecration.

Resolved, 5. That we shall never lay down our weapons of warfare against the saloon, which seeks to trample in the dust the holy Sabbath.

Resolved, 6. That we are unconditionally opposed to the opening of the Columbian Exposition on the Lord's-day.

Resolved, 7. That it is our judgment, all things considered, that

God would be honored more, and greater good would be accomplished, if the gates at our camp-meetings were not opened on Sunday for the admission of the general public, and that we do not approve of the practice of collecting fees at the gate on the Sabbath-day.

L. D. McCABE, *Chairman*.

W. C. HELT, *Secretary*.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

YOUR Committee on Sunday-schools beg leave to report as follows:

1. That it is with pleasure we note the rapid growth and increasing efficiency of this great department of Church-work, and feel grateful to God for the part our beloved Methodism has in it.

2. We rejoice that there has been some increase in the number of conversions reported at this Conference; but while this is so, we fear that the number converted and added to the Church from this source is not what it ought to be, nor what might be reasonably expected. We should, yea, we *must*, insist on a greater consecration of effort to secure the early conversion of the children in our schools, that the great Sunday-school idea, the conversion of the child, may not be lost sight of; and to secure this end,—

3. We recommend that none but converted persons, and those who love Methodist doctrine and discipline, be employed as teachers in our schools, and that every possible effort be employed to raise the standard of our teaching force.

4. That we gratefully recognize the great work our Sunday-school Union is accomplishing, and heartily commend its management; but, to carry on its work, there is needed large sums to aid in furnishing lesson literature—papers and library books—to needy schools in various parts of our country, especially in the South and West. But also from every mission-field of the Church there comes a call for help to provide Sunday-school literature in the different languages spoken. And since, in order to meet the pressing demands upon the Sunday-school Union, resulting from the great increase in our population, and the advancement of our Church at home and abroad, it is found necessary by the Board of Managers to ask for \$50,000, to be raised during the coming Conference year, of which sum \$1,300 has been apportioned to the Cincinnati Conference, we recommend the Conference to assign this apportionment to the presiding elders, to be divided among the charges severally.

C. H. HAINES, *Secretary*.

F. M. KIRGAN,

C. J. WELLS,

A. N. SPAHR, *Chairman*.

CHARLES W. BRIGGS,

H. HERSHEY.

TEMPERANCE.

INTEMPERANCE is one of the great curses of all time. It is the foe of the Church, the enemy of civilization, and a menace to the Nation. It not only blights the genius and corrupts the morals of the youth in its immediate effect, but is linked in vital and intimate association with every other form of vice, so that it easily accomplishes the overthrow of every desired good and plunges its devotees into temporal disgrace and final woe. The rum power, backed by far-reaching influence, enormous wealth, and conscienceless greed is becoming each day more insolent and imperious, both in government and social life. The fact, however, of its arrogance is almost an occasion of rejoicing, for in it we find the promise of its more speedy destruction. Not only is the Christian part of the land entering with new vigor into the contest, accepting the call as a commission of God, but the better elements of society everywhere, both in Church and State, are arousing to the enormity of this deadly power, and upon the public conscience is fastening the conviction that the saloon must go, that the traffic in intoxicating drinks must be destroyed, and that the drinker, the saloon-keeper, and the manufacturer must stand alike before the bar of public justice as criminals under the ban of law.

We reaffirm our acceptance of the declaration of our General Conference of 1884, that "the proper attitude of Christians toward this traffic is one of uncompromising opposition," and that "we are unalterably opposed to the enactment of laws that propose by license, taxing, or otherwise, to regulate the drink-traffic, because they provide for its continuance and afford no protection against its ravages," and as stated by our Board of Bishops in their last Quadrennial Address that "license, high or low, is vicious in principle and powerless as a remedy," and that the "traffic can not be legalized without sin."

We urge upon our people unanimity of sentiment and action, charity for others believing in different methods of work, and untiring effort in aiding the principle of temperance to general acceptance, with a final view to legal enactment against the entire traffic.

We would therefore recommend:

1. That every encouragement possible be given the efforts to instruct the children of our public schools in the ill effects of alcoholic drinks upon the human system; and that we arrange, as far as practicable, for like instruction in our Sabbath-schools; and that greater care than heretofore be given to the securing of temperance pledges among the scholars of the school.

2. That temperance services be held in the churches as often as convenient.

3. That the members of our Epworth Leagues, individually and officially, help in their programs in creating temperance sentiment.

4. That we pledge ourselves to help in all efforts with which we in conscience may join to secure constitutional and statutory prohibition, and that we reaffirm our motto declared a year ago, "Voluntary

total abstinence from all intoxicants as the true ground of personal temperance, and complete legal prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating drinks as the duty of civil government."

H. D. KETCHAM, *Secretary*.

G. W. DUBOIS,

C. W. GULLETT,

E. McHUGH, *Chairman*.

WM. MACAFEE,

C. D. MUNSEY.

TRACT CAUSE.

* THE tract has not outlived its usefulness. Indeed, the drift of the times is toward it rather than from it. Books have greatly changed, the folio has shrunk to the octavo, the set is being supplanted by the single volume; but even in this briefest form they are not largely read. It is a rare book that runs through five editions. The busy world at large reads very little between board covers. The newspaper, the magazine, and the pamphlet secure the lion's share of its attention. The reading public demands that he who has anything to say must say it quickly. This the tract does. That it can be read in five minutes is no slight recommendation to the busy man who is sure of only so much time free from interruption. That it can be carried about in the pocket commends it to the man who must read on the wing, if at all.

Our century has furnished us with fresh evidences of the power of the tract. The High Church Movement was tractarian in origin and in name. The Salvation Army depends upon its presses scarcely less than upon personal testimony, upon its tracts far more than upon its tambourines. Prohibition has been carried in those States only which have first been flooded with tracts in its advocacy. Of late our national campaigns have been educational, and their chief reliance, the political leaflet put into the hand of every voter. For good or for evil, the tract is still an agency of tremendous power. Let it not be said that in its use "the children of the world are wiser in their generations than the children of light." Let every pastor raise his apportionment, use the half allowed for local use, and avail himself of the assistance of his Committee in the distribution of these winged messengers of righteousness.

A. B. AUSTIN, *Secretary*.

S. A. KEEN,

O. D. BECKER,

J. A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

J. T. LAIRD.

VII.

MISCELLANY.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES

OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Receipts for the Year ending September 2, 1891.

Interest on Little Miami Railroad bond of \$1,500.....	\$120 00
Interest on sundry notes.....	298 55
Total	\$418 55

Disbursements for the Year ending September 2, 1891.

Recording deeds and canceling mortgage.....	\$4 25
Traveling expenses of Treasurer	3 75
Paid Board of Stewards of Cincinnati Conference by vote of Trustees..	410 55
	\$418 55

The Board of Trustees, as constituted at this date, is:

Ministers: Wm. L. Hypes, President; Sylvester Weeks, Secretary;
James T. Bail, Treasurer; Wm. Herr and John F. Loyd.

Laymen: George B. Johnson, of Cincinnati; and George Dial, of
Springfield.

Attest: SYLVESTER WEEKS, Secretary.

URBANA, OHIO, September 7, 1891.

THE JOHN MEARS BEQUEST.

STATEMENT TO THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
URBANA, OHIO.

ASSETS.

UNITED STATES FOUR PER CENT CONSOLS, 1887-1901—

No. 129,636—Interest due January, April, July, October 1st.....	\$100 00
No. 136,519—	100 00
No. 179,982—	100 00

CITY OF CINCINNATI FOUR PER CENT BONDS—

Deficiency bonds—S. A. interest, December, January :

No. 173—6-1-91, red. 6-1-91; due 6-1-1901..... \$1,000 00

Consolidated Sinking Fund Bonds—S. A. interest, due January,
July 1st:

No. 611—7-1-81, red. 7-1-1911; due 7-1-1931..... 1,000 00

No. 612—7-1-91, red. 7-1-1911; due 7-1-1931..... 1,000 00

NOTE OF J. M. COLE, dated January 17, 1888; time five years; seven
per cent interest, payable annually on January 1st, secured by
mortgage recorded in DeKalb County, Ind. Book 24, page 274.
Balance 500 00NOTE OF J. H. PARROTT, dated March 22, 1887; time five years; in-
terest seven per cent annually on January 1st, secured by mortgage
recorded in Fayette County, Ohio. Book O, page 247..... 1,500 00NOTE OF S. N. BENNETT, dated March 3, 1887; time five years; in-
terest seven per cent annually on January 1st, secured by mortgage
recorded in Fayette County, Ohio. Book O, page 206. Balance... 900 00NOTE OF M. A. SMITH, dated June 20, 1889; time five years; interest
seven per cent annually on January 1st, secured by mortgage re-
corded in Huron County, Ohio. Book 32, page 273..... 550 00NOTE OF D. PURDY, dated December 5, 1889; time five years; interest
seven per cent annually on January 1st, secured by mortgage re-
corded in Lucas County, Ohio. Book 123, page 545..... 500 00NOTE OF I. CLAXTON, dated November 4, 1889; time five years; in-
terest seven per cent annually on January 1st, secured by mortgage
recorded in Whitley County, Ind. Book T, page 447..... 500 00

Total assets.....\$7,750 00

ANNUAL INCOME.

United States four per cent bonds..... \$12 00

Deficiency bonds, City of Cincinnati..... 40 00

Consolidated Sinking Fund bonds, City of Cincinnati..... 80 00

Mortgage notes 311 50

Total income \$443 50

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Receipts.

September 1, 1890, Cash on hand.....	\$21 39
January 6, 1891, Interest on mortgage notes.....	311 50
May 1, 1891, Interest on government bonds.....	9 00
Interest on Cincinnati bonds S. F.....	80 00
Interest Cincinnati bond deficiency.....	40 00
	<hr/> \$461 89

Disbursements.

March 4, 1891, Ladies' Home Mission.....	\$153 96
Cincinnati Conference claimants.....	153 96
Ohio Wesleyan University.....	76 98
Illinois Wesleyan University.....	76 98
Expense	01
	<hr/> \$461 89

There is no cash in the hands of the trustees.

We hereby certify that the above is a correct and true statement of the assets and income of the Mears Bequest.

THOMAS H. PEARNE, } *Trustees*
J. R. CLARK, *Treasurer*, } *The John Mears Bequest.*

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

OFFICERS.

President—R. S. RUST.
Vice-President—J. T. BAIL.
Secretary—H. C. WEAKLEY.
Treasurer—THOMAS COLLETT.

Managers—William Herr, L. F. Van Cleve, J. W. Cassatt, W. L. Hypes, J. F. Marlay, Thomas H. Pearne, J. S. Whitney, B. R. Cowen, Archer Brown, Charles A. Resor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts from all sources for the year ending September 2, 1891.

From balance in treasury, September 3, 1890.....	\$457 05
From membership fees.....	62 00
From interest collected.....	1,049 61
From notes matured and paid.....	5,769 37
Total received.....	\$7,338 03

Disbursed during the year beginning September 3, 1890.

For relief as per orders and vouchers.....	\$445 00
For taxes on real estate.....	37 90
For stationery, recording deeds, and traveling expenses.....	16 80
For loans.....	6,597 00
Cash in treasury for distribution.....	241 33
Total	\$7,338 03

Assets of the Society, September 3, 1891.

Real estate near Xenia, O.....	\$3,100 00
Secured notes at six per cent interest.....	16,949 00
Stock in Parrott Manufacturing Co.....	600 00
Non-interest bearing notes.....	3,700 00
Interest now due and collectable.....	300 00
Cash in treasury.....	241 00
Total assets.....	\$24,890 00

The Preachers' Relief Society is purely humane in its spirit and work. It is worthy the favor and co-operation of all the members of the Cincinnati Conference. It has a fair financial basis of almost \$25,000, with an income of some \$1,100. Its assets and income ought

to be much increased by voluntary contributions, bequests, and other sources.

The affairs of this Society are managed with rigid care and economy. The number of members at present date is sixty-two and ought to be doubled at least. The membership fee is one dollar per year, and when not paid, membership ceases. Ministers sending name and fee to Secretary Weakley will be placed upon the list at once.

The relief afforded is chiefly, but not exclusively, to the members, and is made supplementary to the distribution of the Conference Stewards in cases of greatest need. Many an anxious heart has been soothed by the timely aid of our Society, coming in seasons of unexpected and unavoidable embarrassment and distress. The officers and managers kindly commend the work of this Society to the consideration of both preachers and people of our Church within the bounds of the Cincinnati Conference.

THOMAS COLLETT, *Financial Secretary and Treasurer.*

Post-office address, Middletown, Ohio.

REPORT OF PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Minutes of 1890 in account with the Cincinnati Conference.

Dr.

To receipts from sale of Minutes.....	\$235 57
“ “ Board of Stewards.....	5 00
“ “ Advertisements (net).....	294 75

Cr.

	\$535 32
By expense of publishing paid Cranston & Stowe.....	\$441 05
“ expressage and mailing.....	29 68
“ electrotype of Bishop Joyce.....	4 00
“ of Publishing Committee, viz.: Travel, stationery, postage, etc.....	16 65
Total cost of Minutes.....	\$491 38
By Conference expenses paid by Publishing Committee, stationery, postage, etc.....	16 91
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	27 03
	\$535 32
Still due from preachers—good.....	6 85

AUDITING PUBLISHING ACCOUNTS.

WE, your Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Publishing Committee, submit the following report:

We have examined all the accounts of the Committee, and find them to be correct. Respectfully submitted.

T. S. COWDEN,
A. M. GRIFFITH,
J. A. EASTON.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the United States Commissioners and Board of Directors of the Columbian Exhibition for 1892:

GENTLEMEN,—In presenting to your honorable body this action of the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, we would call your attention to the following constituency and interests we represent, including our locality: Our Conference includes that part of Southwestern Ohio contained in the counties of Hamilton, Butler, Preble, Montgomery, Darke, the larger part of Miami and Champaign, Clarke, Greene, Highland, Clinton, Adams, Brown, Clermont, and Warren. We number 188 ministers, and have under our care 366 churches, with a membership of 45,827, and 38,621 scholars in our Sabbath-schools. Our church property, not including our educational institutions, is valued at \$2,158,890. We ask for ourselves, and the interests we represent, a favorable consideration from your honorable body of the following action of our Conference.

A. U. BEALL,

Secretary Sabbath Committee, Cincinnati Annual Conference.

“Resolved, 1. That so much of the report as refers to the Columbian Exhibition be prepared by the Committee, and signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference, and forwarded to the Commissioners.

“2. Through the daily press come already the foretokens of the purpose of the enemies of the Sabbath for open gates at the Columbian Exhibition, to be held in Chicago. They were thwarted in 1876, at Philadelphia. Now, as then, they have begun this work early. Then, two years before the Exhibition, under demand for open gates on this day, the Commission voted closed gates. Some eighteen months afterward, the conflict was renewed, and the Executive Committee affirmed the vote of the Commission. Still later, the demand was renewed, while the Exhibition was in progress, and the vote was taken by States, each State having one vote, and the gates remained closed on the Sabbath-day by the decisive majority of 29 to 9.

“We regard it a befitting time to make record of this action. Said Joseph Hawley, president of the Commission: ‘Before God, I am afraid to open the Exhibition gates on the Sabbath.’ Commissioner Corliss, of Rhode Island, said: ‘All the good that would be accomplished by this grand Exhibition would be neutralized if it is opened on Sunday. It would better never had been. Under no circumstances will I consent to run my engine on Sunday.’

“To the end we may be saved from this threatened National disgrace and shame, we demand that the American idea of the Christian Sabbath shall be kept inviolate at the approaching Columbian Exhibition, in the name of the common Christian faith of the Nation.”

The above is a correct transcript of the action of the Conference.

(Signed,)

BISHOP I. W. JOYCE, *President.*

S. O. ROYAL, *Secretary.*

CHICAGO, November 29, 1890.

REV. A. U. BEALL, 491 Sycamore Street, Cincinnati, O.:

My Dear Friend,—I have yours of the 25th inst., inclosing resolution passed by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The question of opening the Exposition on Sunday has not come up for consideration as yet, and probably will not for more than a year to come. This is a stupendous enterprise, and engages all the time and attention of those connected with it. The work of organization is not yet completed, and all questions not immediately pressing are relegated to the distant future. I will file a copy of the resolution with other papers relating to the same subject, and it will have respectful consideration when the proper time comes. The other papers I will hand to the Directors for their perusal.

I thank you for the flattering reference to myself; but you are in error in supposing that I have forsaken the Queen City. I am and always shall be a Cincinnati.

Very truly yours,

BENJ. BUTTERWORTH.

CABLE MESSAGE FROM BISHOP J. M. WALDEN.

ROYAL:

BRUSSELS, September 2, 1891.

Bishop, Brothers,—"Interlace." [Translation by the Cable Code:
"Please accept my best wishes."] WALDEN.

PLAN OF UNIFORM STUDY.

The following plan of study was approved by vote. (See page 22.)

	FIRST YEAR.	SECOND YEAR.	THIRD YEAR.	FOURTH YEAR.
October... Novemb'r	Harman's Introduction.	Harman's Introduction.	Harman's Introduction.	Harman's Introduction.
December January...	Wesley's Plain Account.	Pope's Systematic Theology.	Atonement in Christ. Miley.	Systematic Theology. Watson.
February. March.....	Pope's Systematic Theology.	Pope's Systematic Theology.	Pope's Systematic Theology.	Systematic Theology. Watson.
April..... May.....	Ancient History. Thalheimer.	History Med. and Mod. Thalheimer.	Church History.	Analogy of Religion. Butler.
June..... July	Rhetoric. Hill.	Logic. Jevons.	Intellectual Science. Porter.	Homiletics. Kidder.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

Tuesday, September 1, 7.30 P. M.—Missionary sermon, Rev. E. T. WELLS.

Wednesday, September 2, 9 A. M.—Semi-centennial sermon, Rev. T. H. PEARNE, D. D.

Sunday, September 6, 9 A. M.—Love-feast, Rev. WM. HERR, D. D., leader.

Sunday, September 6, 11 A. M.—Sermon, Rev. J. MILEY, D. D., and ordination of deacons by Bishop FOSTER.

Sunday, September 6, 3 P. M.—Ordination of elders in Grace Church by Bishop FOSTER, and sacramental service.

Monday, September 7, 11 A. M.—Sermon by a Veteran, Rev. ADAM MILLER.

ANNIVERSARIES.

Wednesday, September 2, 2.30 P. M.—Preachers' Relief Society. Addressed by Rev. J. B. HAMILTON, of New York City.

Wednesday, September 2, 7.30 P. M.—Temperance Society in City Hall. Addresses by Rev. GEO. K. MORRIS, D. D., and Rev. J. W. BASHFORD, D. D.

Thursday, September 3, 7.30 P. M.—Educational Society. Addresses by Rev. C. H. PAYNE, D. D., and Rev. J. W. BASHFORD, D. D.

Friday, September 4, 7.30 P. M.—Church Extension Society. Address by Rev. A. J. KYNETT.

Saturday, September 5, 2.30 P. M.—Woman's Home Missionary Society. Addressed by Mrs. MAY L. WELLS and Rev. E. S. LEWIS, D. D.

Saturday, September 5, 7.30 P. M.—Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education. Addressed by Rev. J. C. HARTZELL, D. D.

Sunday, September 6, 7.30 P. M.—Missionary Society. Address by C. C. McCABE.

Monday, September 7, 3 P. M.—Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in the Baptist Church. Addressed by Rev. C. C. McCABE, D. D.

Monday, September 7, 7.30 P. M.—Epworth League. Address by Rev. J. F. BERRY, D. D.

DAILY MEETINGS.

In Grace Church, 4.30 P. M.—Pentecostal services, led by S. A. KEEN, D. D.

In the Baptist Church, 7.30 A. M.—Lectures on Pulpit Oratory, by GEORGE K. MORRIS, D. D.

VIII.

In Memoriam.

ROBED AND CROWNED.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY.		Bishop.	(Conse- crated - ed)	REMARKS.
		Conference.	Y'r.			
Thomas Coke.....	Sept. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778	1784		Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury.....	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1766	1784		Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whatcoat.....	Feb. 23, 1736	Brit. Wes.	1769	1800		Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree.....	July 5, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788	1808		Died in Tennessee, March 5, 1835.
Enoch George.....	..... 1768	M. E. Ch.	1790	1816		Died in Virginia, August 23, 1828.
Robert R. Roberts.....	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore.	1802	1816		Died in Indiana, March 28, 1843.
Joshua Soule.....	Aug. 1, 1781	New York.	1799	1824		Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding.....	Jan. 7, 1780	New Eng..	1801	1824		Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew.....	May 3, 1794	S. Carol'a	1813	1832		Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71.
John Emory.....	April 11, 1789	Phila.....	1810	1832		Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Waugh.....	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore.	1809	1836		Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris.....	April 28, 1794	Ohio.....	1816	1836		Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874.
Leonidas L. Hamline.....	May 10, 1797	Ohio.....	1833	1844		Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65
Edmund Storer Janes.....	April 27, 1807	Phila.....	1830	1844		Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott.....	Oct. 11, 1802	Phila.....	1826	1852		Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson.....	June 21, 1810	Pittsburg	1833	1852		Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osmion C. Baker.....	July 30, 1813	N. Hamp	1839	1852		Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames.....	Mar. 20, 1806	Illinois	1830	1852		Died in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.
Francis Burns.....	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia.....	1838	1858		Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Wasgatt Clark.....	Feb. 25, 1812	New York.	1843	1864		Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
Edward Thomson.....	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio.....	1833	1864		Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie.....	1841	1864		Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
John W. Roberts.....	.....	Liberia.....	1838	1866		Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris.....	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan	1837	1872		Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887.
Isaac W. Wiley.....	Mar. 29, 1825	Phila.....	1851	1872		Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven.....	Sept. 21, 1821	N. Engl'd.	1851	1872		Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck.....	April 4, 1811	Oneida.....	1832	1872		Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven.....	Nov. 1, 1820	New York.	1848	1880		Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt.....	.....	Dec. 3, 1801, Kentucky.....	...
William Young.....	May 16, 1786.....	July 8, 1812, Ohio.....	26
Ralph Lotspeich.....	Feb. 15, 1781, Virginia.....	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio.....	32
Walter Griffith.....	Aug. 12, 1782, Maryland.....	June 27, 1822, Xenia, Ohio.....	40
Samuel Baker.....	Sept. 13, 1793, Maryland.....	Sept. 26, 1823.....	30
Alexander Cummins.....	Sept. 31, 1787, Virginia.....	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O....	36
Nathan Walker.....	Oct. 20, 1795, Maryland.....	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky...	30
John Walker.....	Feb. 28, 1797, Virginia.....	April 5, 1849.....	52
John Sale.....	April 4, 1769, Virginia.....	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O.....	58
Michael Ellis.....	May 5, 1758.....	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O.....	72
John Ulin.....	1792, Virginia.....	July 13, 1833, Newark, O.....	41
James F. Callaghan.....	.....	Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O.....	...
Thomas F. Sargent.....	April 10, 1776, Maryland.....	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O.....	57
William Page.....	Sept., 1772, New Jersey.....	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio.....	62
Philip Gatch.....	March 21, 1751, Maryland.....	Dec. 28, 1834, Ohio.....	83
Russel Bigelow.....	Feb. 24, 1793, New Hampshire..	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O.....	43
William Phillips.....	May 7, 1797, Kentucky.....	August 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O...	39
Erastus Felton.....	Jan. 28, 1798, New York.....	June 25, 1837, Ohio.....	39
John A. Waterman.....	June 29, 1790, New Hampshire..	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O.....	47
James W. Finley.....	Dec. 24, 1800, Ohio.....	June 11, 1838, Kentucky.....	38

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
William D. Barrett.....	July 19, 1797, Virginia.....	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio.....	42
Dudley Woodbridge.....	1814, Ohio.....	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O.....	25
Frederick B. Butler.....	July 22, 1803, Virginia.....	March 5, 1839, Ohio.....	36
Moses Crume.....	Feb. 27, 1766, Virginia.....	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O.....	73
George Fate.....	Aug. 28, 1819, Ohio.....	Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O.....	20
Charles R. Baldwin.....	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts.....	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va.....	36
Jeremiah Hill.....	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island.....	May 26, 1840, Ohio.....	24
Robert W. Finley.....	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania.....	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio.....	90
William B. Christie.....	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio.....	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O.....	39
Isaac C. Hunter.....	Aug. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania.....	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O.....	44
Alfred Hance.....	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey.....	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio.....	33
John W. Kanaga.....	Feb., 1819.....	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio.....	25
Greenbury R. Jones.....	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania.....	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O.....	60
Henry S. Farnandis.....	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia.....	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O.....	52
John Collins.....	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey.....	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentucky.....	76
John Ferree.....	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania.....	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O.....	53
William R. Anderson.....	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O.....	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio.....	36
Benjamin Cooper.....	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O.....	May 13, 1846, Indiana.....	44
Jacob Delay.....	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania.....	Oct. 18, 1846, Jackson Co., O.....	65
William Parrish.....	Oct. 25, 1800, near Lexington, Ky.....	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O.....	47
James Quinn.....	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania.....	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio.....	72
Alexander Morrow.....	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania.....	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio.....	39
Benjamin Lakin.....	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland.....	Feb., 1849, Ohio.....	82
Nathan Emery.....	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine.....	May 27, 1849, Ohio.....	69
Martin Wolf.....	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania.....	July 10, 1849, Ohio.....	36
Alfred L. Westervelt.....	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O.....	July 31, 1849, Ohio.....	29
Asa B. Strond.....	April 11, 1807, Ohio.....	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio.....	42
Charles B. Warrington.....	March 13, 1814, England.....	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio.....	36
Philip A. Mutchner.....	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio.....	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio.....	33
Joseph T. Lewis.....	April 18, 1824, Ohio.....	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O.....	26
O. P. Williams.....	April 13, 1814, Ohio.....	1850, Ohio.....	36
James A. Taylor.....	1823, Ohio.....	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio.....	28
Samuel Maddux.....	May 2, 1818, Ohio.....	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O.....	33
Ebenezer B. Chase.....	April 3, 1806, Maine.....	March 4, 1852, Kingston Ctr., O.....	36

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Ministry.....	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Ministry.....
Wm. H. Raper.....	1819	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	Henry E. Purkiser.....	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9
Joseph S. Tomlinson.....	1825	June 4, 1853	51	Tchr	Wesley Rowe.....	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28
Charles G. Meredith.....	1846	July 16, 1854	34	8	Joseph Newson.....	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29
Gilbert C. Townley.....	1848	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	Charles R. Lovell.....	1835	Sept. 25, 1862	45	29
Thomas Gorsuch.....	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	George W. Harris.....	1850	Nov. 5, 1862	38	12
James M. Cavin.....	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	George B. Owens.....	1853	.....	1863	54
Philip Nation.....	1833	Oct. 14, 1855	43	22	A. P. Dunlap.....	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9
James Smith.....	1818	April 7, 1856	65	38	A. M. Lorain.....	1824	April 25, 1863	72	39
George W. Walker.....	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	W. H. Fyffe.....	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27
B. Brown Miller.....	1849	Sept. 16, 1856	32	7	J. T. Mitchell.....	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31
James B. Finley.....	1809	Sept. 6, 1857	76	48	L. Swormstedt.....	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Moses G. Bennett.....	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	C. W. Sears.....	1844	Aug. 29, 1863	44	19
A. J. Dinkins.....	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	Henry Baker.....	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	66	49
Samuel Neer.....	1854	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	E. D. Roe.....	1832	.....	1864	63
James B. Austin.....	1828	Sept. 27, 1857	51	29	David Sharp.....	1813	April 21, 1865	77	52
J. J. Tiffany.....	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	Enoch G. West.....	1848	May 8, 1865	39	17
Arthur B. Elliott.....	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Wm. E. Spahr.....	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
John S. Jackson.....	1836	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	David Whitcomb.....	1826	May 17, 1866	...	40
W. S. Morrow.....	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	Levi White.....	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
Robert O. Spencer.....	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	M. Marlay.....	1831	Sept. 2, 1866	69	35
Horace S. Sellman.....	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	David Reed.....	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	66	35
Perlee W. Wilber.....	Tchr	June 11, 1859	52	25	Wm. S. Hartley.....	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
William Kaetter.....	1851	Sept 12, 1859	46	8	Joseph M. Gatch.....	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
Stephen H. Holland.....	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Arza Brown.....	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
Jesse R. Hall.....	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	Moses Smith.....	1842	Aug. 25, 1869	52	27
Charles Kissenger.....	1855	Sept. 28, 1860	30	5	Jesse Borkin.....	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
Isaac I. Beall.....	1849	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	A. W. Musgrove.....	1852	April 19, 1870	58	30
Peter Schmucker.....	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	Charles W. Swain.....	1831	April 25, 1870	76	39
George Danker.....	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	Eli Kirk.....	1857	Sept. 6, 1870	39	13
Daniel Griffiths.....	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Daniel D. Davisson.....	1811	.....	1871	85

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Con- ference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Min- istry.....	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Con- ference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Min- istry.....
John W. Fowble.....	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29	George C. Crnm.....	1831	Mar. 4, 1882	73	51
John Shinn.....	1854	Sept. 26, 1871	47	17	John W. Weakley...	1837	April 30, 1882	69	45
Isaac Neff.....	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22	Charles Kalbfus.....	1826	May 10, 1882	75	56
John Seys.....	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47	James F. McClelland	1864	Jan. 19, 1882	...	19
Levi P. Miller.....	1830	July 28, 1872	63	42	Willis M. Boyer.....	1872	Jan. 14, 1884	48	11
Wesley Rector.....	1871	Sept. 26, 1872	35	8	Nimrod McDonald...	1856	Jan. 15, 1884	68	27
George J. Conner....	1859	April 1, 1873	44	14	David Kemper.....	1836	Mar. 24, 1884	77	47
A. B. Wambaugh...	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35	Charles Ferguson....	1844	June 4, 1884	67	39
Joshua Boucher.....	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55	Milton G. Baker.....	1843	Sept. 26, 1884	69	41
H. M. Curry.....	1848	Mar. 3, 1874	55	26	James F. Chalfant...	1843	Oct. 5, 1884	64	41
James Armstrong...	1827	July 1, 1874	70	47	Jesse M. Robinson...	1851	Oct. 11, 1884	58	33
W. Simmons.....	1820	Aug. 6, 1874	76	54	Andrew Murphy.....	1837	Feb. 4, 1885	88	48
N. C. Parrish.....	1865	Feb. 15, 1875	40	10	John N. Irvin.....	1872	Mar. 6, 1885	37	12
W. Routledge.....	1843	April 28, 1875	68	32	Joseph J. Hill.....	1830	Nov. 11, 1885	80	55
M. G. Purkiser.....	1835	April 29, 1875	61	40	John C. Maddy.....	1852	Dec. 12, 1885	63	33
E. House.....	1865	May 20, 1875	50	26	Dennis Callahan.....	1855	May 6, 1886	67	31
J. C. Bontecou.....	1827	Oct. 14, 1875	72	48	J. W. Stone.....	1838	Oct. 14, 1886	74	49
N. Callender.....	1825	Feb. 6, 1876	75	51	G. Moody.....	1835	June 4, 1887	75	52
P. A. Ogden.....	1825	Aug. 23, 1876	77	51	D. Whitmer.....	1846	June 23, 1887	65	41
Samuel Brown.....	1841	Sept. 23, 1876	70	35	R. Brandriff.....	1823	July 16, 1887	84	64
T. A. G. Phillips....	1833	Feb. 28, 1877	67	44	Wm. Young.....	1832	Aug. 26, 1887	80	55
Wm. H. Lawder.....	1833	April 20, 1877	68	44	J. S. Peregrine.....	1851	Feb. 24, 1888	69	37
Wm. I. Ellsworth....	1834	May 10, 1877	70	43	S. F. Conrey.....	1837	July 4, 1888	73	51
Elijah H. Field.....	1824	Oct. 1, 1878	82	54	M. P. Gaddis.....	1838	Sept. 8, 1888	77	50
A. Meharry.....	1841	Nov. 18, 1878	65	37	Jere'h B. Ellsworth	1838	April 30, 1889	79	51
Jos. A. Reeder.....	1829	Nov. 24, 1878	81	49	Allen W. Tibbits	1846	May 8, 1889	67	43
John C. Deem.....	1854	Jan. 21, 1879	77	25	Charles W. Ketcham	1854	May 13, 1889	59	35
J. McD. Mathews....	1831	Aug. 5, 1879	75	48	Ephraim M. Cole....	1850	June 29, 1889	68	39
John F. Wright.....	1815	Sept. 13, 1879	84	64	William Mahon.....	1859	July 1, 1889	53	21
Wm. H. Miesse.....	1870	July 26, 1880	34	10	Jeremiah H. Bayliss	1879	Aug. 14, 1889	54	30
John Barton.....	1839	Jan. 16, 1882	64	43	George H. Kennedy...	1853	Sept. 19, 1889	65	36
Herman Lüders.....	1878	Jan. 17, 1882	39	4	Samuel A. Brewster	1854	May 25, 1890	64	36
David Warnock.....	1834	Feb. 21, 1882	72	48	Thomas Lee.....	1851	Mar. 10, 1891	64	40
James Kendall.....	1851	Mar. 2, 1882	59	31					



MEMOIRS.



REV. THOMAS LEE, D. D.

REV. THOMAS LEE was born in Cork County, Ireland, September 26, 1826, and was carefully and liberally educated with reference to the work of the ministry, to which he seemed drawn from early childhood.

He was licensed to preach in his native land at the age of eighteen. In his twenty-second year he came to this country, and during the voyage officiated at the funeral of a fellow-passenger, the first time he ever conducted a burial service. On arriving in this country, he came immediately to Cincinnati, where he found employment in a dry-goods store, devoting his evenings to theological studies, as a preparation for his great life-work, preaching the gospel.

In 1849, at the session of the Ohio Conference held in Dayton, he was admitted on trial as a member of that body, and two years later received to full membership. His ministry was characterized by the ardor and enthusiasm and untiring industry which have contributed so largely to his exceptional success in the last, and probably the best, work of his useful life. He served the Church on the following fields of labor: Bainbridge, Waverly, Frankfort, Granville, Alexandria; Bigelow Chapel, Columbus; Asbury Church, Cincinnati; Batavia, Laurel, Goshen; Finley Church, Cincinnati, and one year as agent of the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware.

The only interruption in his pastoral work, except the one year in the agency of the Ohio Wesleyan University, was the two years spent in St. Louis as manager of the Methodist Book Depository and publisher of the *Central Christian Advocate* of that city, a position of great delicacy and difficulty at that time, and for which he was selected by the Agents of the Western Methodist Book Concern on account of his business training and his well-known executive ability. His success in that important position fully vindicated the wisdom of the appointment. But this semi-secular position was not one in which Dr. Lee felt that he could make full proof of his ministry. He preferred the work of the pastorate, and as soon as practicable relinquished a prominent and remunerative position for the more congenial work of preaching the gospel. But the great and crowning achievement of his well-rounded life, that for which he will be longest held in remembrance, and which links his name for all time with the history of Cincinnati, was in connection with the Cincinnati Union Bethel, of which he was the honored and successful superintendent and pastor for a quarter of a century. To this work he was called in 1865, when in the prime of his young manhood, and it is not too much to say that for twenty-five years his master passion was to build up that noble charity, one of the most notable institutions of the kind in the world. It would be difficult to exaggerate his success in that praiseworthy endeavor; for, from a small beginning, by persistent efforts, unflagging zeal, and unflinching faith, he advanced the Bethel to the rank of one of the largest missions in the world, embracing a Church of seven hundred members, a Sunday-school with an average attendance of eighteen hundred the year round, a fine building admirably suited to its purposes, and an endowment fund of over \$100,000.

In May, 1853, Mr. Lee was married to Miss Caroline Langdon, daughter of the well-known pioneer, Chas. Langdon, of Madisonville. Four of the seven children born to them are now living, all of whom were permitted to be present to comfort and soothe the last hours of their dying father, and every one of whom, as a result of the careful and intelligent training received in the sacred sanctuary of their Christian home, is an ornament to society.

Mrs. Lee, though for many years a "prisoner of the Lord," and a sufferer, and so deprived of the blessed privileges of public worship and of active participation in Church-work, has been enabled, while feeling "pain's furnace heat within her quiver," to say, through the riches of abounding grace, "As God will—and in his hottest fire hold still." Her mission, to suffer God's will in pain and helplessness, has been cheerfully accepted, and in the providence of God has contributed, no doubt, to confirm the faith of husband and children in the assurance of God's Word, "According to thy days so shall thy strength be."

Some one has said that "true popularity is not that which is followed after, but that which follows after;" and such was emphatically the popularity of Thomas Lee. He never sought popular favor, but it came to him. If in hundreds of homes of Cincinnati there is mourning, and especially among the lowly, it is because of the universal feeling that the community has lost a true and tried friend of the poor, a man of tenderest sympathy, of unbending integrity, whose life was devoted to the physical and spiritual improvement of that large class whom the priest and the Levite alike pass by.

Dr. Lee had, in a very high degree, moral courage—"the courage of his convictions." He had in him, indeed, the stuff of which martyrs are made. He could have died for the truth, but could never have betrayed it. In questions of Church polity he was conservative, outspokenly and sometimes aggressively so; and never did Martin Luther exhibit more unflinching courage in defense of that which he believed to be for the glory of God than did Thomas Lee on many occasions when he must have known himself to be in a hopeless minority. But, although ever quick to take his stand under his true colors on the moral and ecclesiastical battle-field—ready to take and give blows in conflict—he was, at the same time, one of the most genial and kindly of men, whose smiling face and hearty hand-grasp made him a welcome guest in every circle.

He was a man of deep, sincere piety, and his religion was not devoid of feeling; but it rested rather upon the basis of principle than of emotion, and

was at the farthest possible remove from a harsh asceticism, or that repulsive austerity which so often makes religion itself seem unamiable. A perennial cheerfulness—the genial sunshine of the heart—diffused its loveliness all around him. There was no self-reliance, but there was what is far better—piety, silent but incessant, consistent, deep, all-pervading, working out practical results, producing genuine fruits, forming the character, regulating the life. Never was there a more tender, devoted husband and father, and it was the constant desire of his heart to make his home, where loved ones round the “ingle” gather, a charmed spot, a place of sweet content and real rest. He lived for those who loved him, and was rewarded with the whole-hearted devotion of the entire household, which was manifested in sweet and unremitting ministries by day and by night.

As a preacher he was earnest, pointed, and practical. While soundly orthodox in his belief, and ready at all times to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, he had little patience with the preaching that deals merely in “glittering generalities.”

As has been said by one of his early colleagues in the ministry, he believed in appealing to the moral nature by paying some attention to the needs of the body. He did not go about distributing tracts alone, among the suffering poor, but he carried a basket of provisions on one arm, while with the other he scattered the seed of the kingdom.

After a life of more than threescore years of almost uninterrupted health and happiness, our brother's last days brought to him a new experience—one of intensest bodily suffering. The Bible nowhere promises us exemption from such suffering. It does not assure us that we shall not go into the furnace nor into the deep waters; but it does promise that the fire shall not consume us and the waters shall not overflow us. By our side in the furnace shall be one who is like the Son of God. The path of suffering is, indeed, the one our Savior trod and glorified, so that, besides the sweet privilege of putting our feet where Christ's have been, we may have the assurance that through tribulation we are on the way to the heaven where he awaits our coming. And, in the keenest suffering we may, as the children of God, know, assuredly, that if we could see things exactly as God sees them, we should want events ordered precisely as he has ordered them.

That Dr. Lee fully recognized the disciplinary character of his sufferings, and that he was triumphantly sustained even in the furnace, is evident from expressions that fell from his lips from time to time while suffering the greatest bodily pain. “Yes,” he said, “pain—one more pain, but heaven is more to us now than ever before.” “O, Lord Jesus,” he exclaimed at another time, “thou art all to me! Thou art all to me!” On another occasion he quoted parts of the sweet hymn commencing, “Jesus, lover of my soul,” repeating and emphasizing the words, “O receive my soul at last.” “There is no place,” he said again, “like heaven. O, it is near to us, very near! O to be forever with the Lord in my home in heaven!” Addressing those about him he said, a day or two before his death: “Keep yourselves in the love of the Lord Jesus, and in the fellowship of the Spirit.”

The Bethel was evidently upon his heart until it ceased to beat. Shortly before his death he exclaimed: “O the Bethel! the Bethel! They do n't know anything about the children. O give them the truth as it is in Jesus!” The last audible expression he uttered was: “O the crown, the crown!”

J. F. MARLAY.

MRS. JAMES AUSTIN.

RUTH AUSTIN, widow of Rev. James B. Austin, died in Reno, Pa., May 5, 1891. She was the daughter of Judge Robert and Rachel Shirley, and was born near Chillicothe, O., May 1, 1811. Before she was nine years of age, she removed with her parents to Defiance, O., then an outpost of white civilization.

The Indians were still occupying their reservations in that vicinity, and she was afforded opportunity to see much of their life, and learned to speak their language. The chiefs and other members of the tribe frequently visited her father's house, and became warm friends of the family. Her memory of these days remained very clear and accurate in old age; and within the past few years, by request, as one of the oldest survivors of the early residents of Defiance, she wrote a chapter of "Recollections" for the "History of Defiance County."

At the age of seventeen she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and at once became a devoted Christian, maintaining the highest standard of religious character throughout the changing experiences of a long, busy life.

In her twentieth year she was married to Rev. James B. Austin, then a young Methodist preacher, traveling Defiance Circuit. For nearly thirty years she was the heroic ally of this man of God. Much of their itinerant life was during the formative period of Ohio Methodism, when long moves were unavoidable. Churches and parsonages were few in number, and of rude architecture. The usual mode of land transportation was by four-horse wagon, over unimproved highways, and through almost unbroken forests; but every trial and hardship was cheerfully borne, and all the duties which fall to the lot of the itinerant's wife faithfully performed.

Her husband was a holy man, a true gospel evangelist, a wise disciplinarian, and especially noted as a peacemaker, so that he was often in demand where great wisdom and patience must be exercised, to heal old enmities and unite the people in the bonds of Christian love. In every emergency his good wife was a true and most efficient helper. Wise in counsel, self-denying, abounding in sympathy, the impress of her gentle nature was manifest through all his ministry.

No diffidence or feminine reserve could make her shrink from responsibility, or deter her from conscientiously performing whatever she saw was for the glory of God and for the good of the Church.

She was judicious in the management of her home, given to hospitality, discreet in conversation; and, hence, revered as one whose life was a fitting complement to her husband's labors.

Sometimes traveling circuits of as many as twenty-eight appointments, the father was necessarily absent from home much of the time, so that the training of their two children was largely imposed on the mother. She proved fully equal to the sacred trust. Family prayer was reverently maintained, and the little girl and boy carefully trained in those principles which characterized the consecrated sister and noble brother of maturer years.

Brother Austin, after sustaining a superannuate relation to his Conference for a few years, on account of failing strength, died at Logan, O., September, 1857. His remains lie near his parents and the friends of his childhood, in the family burying-ground in Clinton County, this State. For thirty years he was a faithful minister, and a member of the Cincinnati Conference from its organization. After his death, the bereft wife found a pleasant home in the family of her son-in-law, Mr. C. V. Culver, who, since 1867, has resided in Reno, Pa. For almost thirty-four years she shared the joys and sorrows of this household, cheering their lives, and giving and receiving unremitting love and tenderness. A most refined and intelligent Christian lady, she won and held the esteem of all who knew her.

One remarkable feature of her character was her interest in and love for young people; nor was this in the least diminished by extreme age and affliction. Little children, and young women and men, all loved and admired her, esteeming it one of their highest privileges to know "Auntie" Austin.

Young men of her acquaintance who were preparing for the ministry she loved as sons, and they were proud to be called her boys; while persons of riper years were attracted by her solid traits of character.

Her birth having occurred about the close of the first decade of the present century, and her death near the beginning of the last, she was conversant with many of the greatest plans and most splendid achievements of our denomina-

tion. In all these things she was profoundly interested, and with ever-increasing pride saw the onward march of her Church, and witnessed the triumphs of her Redeemer.

For nearly a score of years previous to her death she was unable to attend public worship, and for the last three years of her life she was a great sufferer, and helpless from paralysis; but the luster of her sweet disposition and saintly character remained undimmed. Her fervent prayers with the family at eventide, and her familiar talks with them of Jesus and her heavenly home during the past winter, are among the priceless treasures, sacredly kept in the memory of sorrowing loved ones. To her the Bible was the Book of books; and next to it, the *Western Christian Advocate*, taken from its very first edition, was indispensable.

Five days preceding her departure, she completed her eightieth year. Gathering her children and grandchildren about her couch, she gave each her parting blessing. As the end drew near, no fear haunted her, no uncertainty troubled her; without sigh or anguish, she passed into the peaceful rest awaiting the good and just. An only daughter survives her. Of those not so closely related, two nephews are members of the Cincinnati Conference. Her dearly beloved son passed away several years ago. It was her wish to be laid by his side; so, awaiting the first resurrection, she calmly sleeps in the cemetery at Franklin, Pa.

G. P. AUSTIN.

MRS. T. A. G. PHILLIPS.

ELIZABETH PHILLIPS was born in Greene County, Ohio, October 16, 1817. Her maiden name was Smith. Her parents were members of the Society of Friends, but afterwards united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which communion her father was an honored local preacher for more than twenty years.

Elizabeth joined the Methodist Church in the year 1832, under the ministry of Rev. S. A. Latta. She was clearly and happily converted as she knelt by her own bedside about two weeks later. In 1843 she received the blessing of perfect love. From her youth she was a teacher in the Sunday-school and active in all Church-work.

September 7, 1837, she was married to John M. Cosler, who, at that time, was engaged in business, but some years later united with the Central Illinois Conference, and spent eleven years in the effective work. After his death his widow made her home in this her native State.

November 25, 1875, she was married to Rev. T. A. G. Phillips, of the Cincinnati Conference. After his death, in 1877, she made her home in Springfield, and here she remained till her life came to its close, January 11, 1891.

Sister Phillips was of a remarkably cheerful disposition, and her very presence was a blessing. Everybody loved her. Her old age was beautiful and saintly. She had great love for God's house, and delighted in all the services of the Church.

Her last illness resulted from a slight accident, a fall, and was of several weeks' duration, and at times was accompanied by great suffering. Her patience and cheerfulness and absolute trust in God were a lesson to all who visited her sick-room. And then there came one day of holy joy and triumph when, as she expressed it, "wave after wave of glory swept over her soul." When the last day came, and sight became so dim that she could no longer recognize those who were about her, by a movement of the hand or head she could still indicate her faith in the exceeding great and precious promises that were repeated. And so, conscious till almost the last moment of life, with a victorious faith, she passed to her reward.

G. W. DUBOIS.

MRS. ASA STROUD.

MRS. MARY E. STROUD, widow of Rev. Asa B. Stroud, of precious memory, was born in Shepherdstown, Va., March 23, 1809, and died in Eaton, O., Sabbath evening, October 12, 1890, aged eighty-one years. In 1828 she came with her parents, Jacob and Harriet Jorden, to Cincinnati, O. At the early age of thirteen she was clearly converted, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was united in marriage with Rev. Asa B. Stroud, May 23, 1830, and for nineteen years continued to be a loving and faithful itinerant's wife, in the times when to be such required great consecration, courage, and sacrifice. Their first appointment was Charleston Circuit, which was then a part of the Ohio Conference. Sister Stroud went to this appointment from Cincinnati, on horseback, a distance of two hundred miles.

After the death of her husband by cholera, in Milford, Clermont Co., O., in 1849, Mrs. Stroud, her two sons and four daughters, removed to Eaton, O., to a very humble home which had been secured by her husband before his death. Here she and her children were soon received into the confidence and sympathy of the people, by whom they were, to some extent, kindly cared for. Without any individual resources, and with but little assistance from the Conference, she entered upon the struggle of family support; and by the help of God she was successful, and, besides, was permitted to live to see her children grow to manhood and womanhood in the possession of Christian faith and hope.

Her husband wrote the first obituary that ever appeared in the *Western Christian Advocate*, and she was accustomed to carry it and the Bible about with her when she was no longer able to read either.

Her religion was of a pure, sweet, trustful, cheerful, hopeful type. Under no experiences did the smile of religious comfort depart from her countenance. For nine years she was a great sufferer, but she suffered as enduring the will of God. She often recited, during her long illness, the following stanzas from one of our old hymns:

"O for this love let rocks and hills
Their lasting silence break;
And all harmonious human tongues
The Savior's praises speak!

Angels, assist our mighty joys;
Strike all your harps of gold;
But when you raise your highest notes,
His love can ne'er be told."

When her daughter would question her why she should be so sorely afflicted, she would reply: "Daughter, you must not ask why." She came to her grave as a shock of corn cometh in its season. Her work was done, and well done. Her funeral took place in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Eaton, O., among the friends whom she had known so long and loved so tenderly, conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. L. Glascock, assisted by Rev. J. W. Cassatt, long an intimate friend of the family.

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."

J. L. GLASCOCK,
S. D. CLAYTON.

MRS. GEORGE T. WEAVER.

CAROLINE NOBLE WEAVER, wife of Rev. George T. Weaver, Goshen, O., was born in Cincinnati, O., September 8, 1837, and died at the parsonage at Goshen, March 6, 1891, aged fifty three years. On Thursday afternoon, while in the enjoyment of apparently good health, and while engaged in domestic

duties, without a moment's warning, she was stricken with paralysis of the brain, falling prostrate upon the floor. After nineteen hours of unconscious suffering, she passed into rest. Her childhood days were spent in Cincinnati. At the age of eleven, in 1849, her father died. She was married in St. Louis, November 3, 1863, and at once began, with her husband, the life of an itinerant preacher's wife. In March, 1865, her husband was put in charge of Lewis College, Glasgow, Mo. In 1870 her husband was again transferred to the Cincinnati Conference; and for twenty-seven years she shared the joys and sorrows and labors of a Methodist preacher's life. She was converted at eighteen, and at once united with the Church. In 1859 she transferred her membership to the Butlerville charge, Cincinnati Conference. Throughout her Christian experience her life was one of marked devotion to God and his Church. For thirty-five years she was a Sunday-school teacher, never once absenting herself from her post of duty, except from providential hindrances. Much of the time of her married life she had charge of children's classes and young people's missionary societies. If not always in the lead of ladies' aid and missionary work, in the various charges her husband filled, she at least took her place in the ranks, and wrought with ardor for the promotion of these various enterprises. In her the indigent poor and suffering found a friend; for she was always ready to lead in soliciting funds for the distressed. During the Temperance Crusade of years ago, while residing in Georgetown, Brown County, O., she was the leader of one of the two bands that succeeded, after six weeks' campaign, in closing up the eight saloons of that town. Timid and reserved by nature, she was full of courage and enterprise in the Master's work, and never knew what it was to fail in such work. Her hospitality exceeded her strength to entertain. Her home was ever open to her friends; of enemies she had none. Her Christianity was of a remarkably cheerful type, and she especially endeared to herself the children and the young people. At the time she was smitten with death she was full of plans for the Church and its various societies with which she was connected. Fragile of physical constitution—almost an invalid indeed—except when sick abed or asleep, she scarcely knew an idle moment. Though she left no dying testimony of her fidelity to the Master or of her hope of heaven, her life speaks for itself, and leaves behind the comforting assurance that, though dead to earth, she is housed in heaven. Her work is done, and well done; her reward is on high. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord; yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

IX. MEMORABILIA.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR.	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800...	October 6.....	Bethel Academy, Ky.....	Francis Asbury.....	William Burke.
1801...	October 1.....	Ebenezer, Tenn.....	Francis Asbury.....	William Burke.
1802...	October 1.....	Bethel Academy, Ky.....	Francis Asbury.....	William Burke.
1803...	October 2.....	Mt. Gerizim, Ky.....	Francis Asbury.....	William Burke.
1804...	October 2.....	Mt. Gerizim, Ky.....	W. McKendree.....	William Burke.
1805...	October 2.....	Anthony Houston, Ky.....	{ Francis Asbury..... Richard Whatcoat.....	William Burke.
1806...	September 15.....	Ebenezer, Tenn.....	Francis Asbury.....	William Burke.
1807...	September 14.....	Chillicothe, O.....	Francis Asbury.....	William Burke.
1808...	October 1.....	Liberty Hill, Tenn.....	{ Francis Asbury..... W. McKendree.....	William Burke.
1809...	September 30.....	Cincinnati, O.....	{ Francis Asbury..... W. McKendree.....	William Burke.
1810...	September 6.....	Shelbyville, Ky.....	W. McKendree.....	William Burke.
1811...	October 5.....	Cincinnati, O.....	W. McKendree.....	Learner Blackburn.

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1812...	October 1.....	Chillicothe, O.....	W. McKendree.....	Charles Holliday.
1813...	September 1.....	Steubenville, O.....	W. McKendree.....	David Young.
1814...	September 8.....	Cincinnati, O.....	John Sale, P. E.....	David Young.
1815...	September 14.....	Lebanon, O.....	W. McKendree.....	David Young.
1816...	September 3.....	Louisville, Ky.....	{ W. McKendree..... Enoch George.....	David Young.
1817...	September 3.....	Zanesville, O.....	{ W. McKendree..... R. R. Roberts.....	David Young.
1818...	August 7.....	Steubenville, O.....	{ W. McKendree..... Enoch George.....	John Tevis.
1819...	August 7.....	Cincinnati, O.....	{ W. McKendree..... Enoch George.....	Cornelius Springer
1820...	August 8.....	Chillicothe, O.....	R. R. Roberts.....	Cornelius Springer
1821...	September 6.....	Lebanon, O.....	{ W. McKendree..... R. R. Roberts.....	Cornelius Springer
1822...	September 5.....	Marietta, O.....	{ Enoch George..... W. McKendree.....	Cornelius Springer.
1823...	September 3.....	Urbana, O.....	{ R. R. Roberts..... W. McKendree.....	Cornelius Springer.
1824...	September 2.....	Zanesville, O.....	{ R. R. Roberts..... J. Soule.....	James Collard.
1825...	October 12.....	Columbus, O.....	Enoch George.....	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826...	October 4.....	Hillsboro, O.....	E. Hedding.....	G. R. Jones.
1827...	September 19.....	Cincinnati, O.....	Enoch George.....	G. R. Jones.
1828...	September 18.....	Chillicothe, O.....	R. R. Roberts.....	G. R. Jones.
1829...	September 3.....	Urbana, O.....	{ R. R. Roberts..... W. McKendree.....	G. R. Jones.
1830...	September 8.....	Lancaster, O.....	J. Soule.....	H. O. Sheldon.
1831...	September 8.....	Mansfield, O.....	E. Hedding.....	H. O. Sheldon.
1832...	September 19.....	Dayton, O.....	J. Emory.....	H. O. Sheldon.
1833...	August 21.....	Cincinnati, O.....	R. R. Roberts.....	H. O. Sheldon.
1834...	August 20.....	Circleville, O.....	J. Soule.....	J. M. Trimble.

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1835...	August 19.....	Springfield, O.....	{ O. J. Andrew.....	J. M. Trimble.
1836...	September 28.....	Chillicothe, O.....	{ J. Soule.....	J. M. Trimble.
1837...	September 27.....	Xenia, O.....	R. R. Roberts.....	J. M. Trimble.
1838...	September 26.....	Columbus, O.....	B. Waugh.....	J. M. Trimble.
1839...	September 18.....	Cincinnati, O.....	J. Soule.....	J. M. Trimble.
1840...	September 30.....	Zanesville, O.....	{ E. Hedding.....	J. M. Trimble.
1841...	August 25.....	Urbana, O.....	{ J. Soule.....	J. M. Trimble.
1842...	September 28.....	Hamilton, O.....	R. R. Roberts.....	J. M. Trimble.
1843...	September 27.....	Chillicothe, O.....	T. A. Morris.....	J. M. Trimble.
1844...	September 4.....	Marietta, O.....	J. Soule.....	J. M. Trimble.
1845...	September 3.....	Cincinnati, O.....	{ B. Waugh.....	J. M. Trimble.
1846...	September 2.....	Piqua, O.....	{ J. Soule.....	J. M. Trimble.
1847...	September 1.....	Columbus, O.....	L. L. Hamline.....	J. M. Trimble.
1848...	September 27.....	Newark, O.....	T. A. Morris.....	J. M. Trimble.
1849...	September 19.....	Dayton, O.....	E. S. Janes.....	J. M. Trimble.
1850...	September 18.....	Chillicothe, O.....	{ B. Waugh.....	J. M. Trimble.
1851...	September 17.....	Springfield, O.....	{ L. L. Hamline.....	J. M. Trimble.
			{ E. S. Janes.....	J. M. Trimble.
			{ T. A. Morris.....	J. M. Trimble.
			T. A. Morris.....	J. M. Trimble.

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1852...	September 22.....	Xenia, O.....	E. S. Janes.....	J. T. Mitchell.
1853...	September 28.....	Hillsboro, O.....	E. S. Janes.....	J. T. Mitchell.
1854...	September 23.....	Cincinnati, O.....	L. Scott.....	J. T. Mitchell.
1855...	September 26.....	Urbana, O.....	T. A. Morris.....	J. T. Mitchell.
1856...	October 1.....	Ripley, O.....	E. R. Ames.....	J. T. Mitchell.
1857...	September 9.....	Piqua, O.....	T. A. Morris.....	J. T. Mitchell.
1858...	September 8.....	Lebanon, O.....	E. S. Janes.....	J. T. Mitchell.
1859...	September 7.....	Dayton, O.....	E. R. Ames.....	J. T. Mitchell.
1860...	September 5.....	Oxford, O.....	M. Simpson.....	J. T. Mitchell.
1861...	September 4.....	Springfield, O.....	T. A. Morris.....	J. T. Mitchell.
1862...	September 3.....	Cincinnati, O.....	E. R. Ames.....	J. T. Mitchell.
1863...	September 2.....	Xenia, O.....	O. C. Baker.....	W. H. Sutherland.
1864...	September 8.....	Greenfield, O.....	M. Simpson.....	W. H. Sutherland.
1865...	August 30.....	Troy, O.....	D. W. Clark.....	W. H. Sutherland.
1866...	August 29.....	Ripley, O.....	E. Thomson.....	W. H. Sutherland.
1867...	August 28.....	Urbana, O.....	T. A. Morris.....	W. H. Sutherland.
1868...	August 26.....	Hamilton, O.....	D. W. Clark.....	W. H. Sutherland.
1869...	August 25.....	Hillsboro, O.....	E. R. Ames.....	W. H. Sutherland.
1870...	August 24.....	Piqua, O.....	E. S. Janes.....	W. H. Sutherland.
1871...	August 30.....	Dayton, O.....	L. Scott.....	W. H. Sutherland.
1872...	August 28.....	Eaton, O.....	I. W. Wiley.....	W. H. Sutherland.
1873...	August 27.....	Springfield, O.....	E. R. Ames.....	W. H. Sutherland.
1874...	August 26.....	Wilmington, O.....	R. S. Foster.....	W. H. Sutherland.
1875...	September 1.....	Cincinnati, O.....	E. G. Andrews.....	W. H. Sutherland.
1876...	August 30.....	Oxford, O.....	S. M. Merrill.....	W. H. Sutherland.
1877...	September 5.....	Xenia, O.....	G. Haven.....	W. H. Sutherland.
1878...	September 4.....	Piqua, O.....	W. L. Harris.....	D. J. Starr.
1879...	September 3.....	Urbana, O.....	M. Simpson.....	D. J. Starr.
1880...	September 1.....	Middletown, O.....	Jesse T. Peck.....	D. J. Starr.
1881...	September 7.....	Springfield, O.....	Isaac W. Wiley.....	D. J. Starr.
1882...	September 6.....	Dayton, O.....	T. Bowman.....	D. J. Starr.
1883...	September 5.....	Hamilton, O.....	R. S. Foster.....	D. J. Starr.
1884...	September 3.....	Hillsboro, O.....	S. M. Merrill.....	Frank G. Mitchell.
1885...	September 3.....	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.....	W. L. Harris.....	Frank G. Mitchell.
1886...	September 2.....	Piqua, O.....	J. M. Walden.....	Frank G. Mitchell.
1887...	August 31.....	Mechanicsburg, O.....	E. G. Andrews.....	Stanley O. Royal.
1888...	September 5.....	Jamestown, O.....	H. W. Warren.....	Stanley O. Royal.
1889...	September 4.....	Xenia, O.....	S. M. Merrill.....	Stanley O. Royal.
1890...	August 27.....	Greenville, O.....	I. W. Joyce.....	Stanley O. Royal.
1881...	September 2.....	Urbana, O.....	R. S. Foster.....	Stanley O. Royal.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

- 1856.—Wm. Young, W. Nast, J. B. Finley, J. W. Fowble, G. W. Walker, A. Brown, C. Brooks, A. Lowrey, M. Dustin. *Reserves*: J. T. Mitchell, Charles Elliott, W. Ahrens.
- 1860.—Wm. Nast, W. Young, J. T. Mitchell, M. Smith, M. Marlay, G. Moody, D. Reed. *Reserves*: W. Ahrens, M. Dustin, G. C. Crum.
- 1864.—L. D. McCabe, W. Nast, W. Young, M. Smith, G. Moody, M. Dustin. *Reserves*: W. H. Lawder, J. W. Fowble, J. A. Klein.
- 1868.—A. Lowrey, J. Kendall, Wm. Young, J. M. Walden, J. Armstrong. *Reserves*: M. Dustin, J. F. Chalfant.
- 1872.—J. W. Weakley, J. M. Walden, J. F. Marlay, R. S. Rust, J. F. Chalfant. *Reserves*: G. C. Crum, A. Lowrey.
- 1876.—J. M. Walden, A. Lowrey, J. F. Marlay, G. Moody.—*Reserves*: W. H. Sutherland, R. S. Rust.
- 1880.—J. M. Walden, W. L. Hypes, C. H. Payne, W. I. Fee. *Reserves*: S. A. Brewster, R. S. Rust.
- 1884.—J. M. Walden, A. B. Leonard, C. H. Payne, Wm. Runyan. *Reserves*: R. S. Rust, L. F. Van Cleve.
- 1888.—C. H. Payne, A. B. Leonard, J. H. Bayliss, I. W. Joyce. *Reserves*: R. S. Rust, John Pearson.
- 1892.—A. B. Leonard, C. H. Payne, Jno. Pearson, T. H. Pearne. *Reserves*: Wm. Runyan, H. C. Weakley.
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LAY DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

- 1872.—Ichabod Corwin, Philip B. Swing. *Reserves*: Jacob Chambers, John M. Phillips.
- 1876.—C. W. Rowland, W. R. Warnock. *Reserves*: Jacob Chambers, W. M. Meek.
- 1880.—Edward Sargent, H. Elliott. *Reserves*: E. W. Mulliken, W. M. Meek.
- 1884.—P. P. Mast, John W. Dale. *Reserves*: Thomas Brown, John C. Brooke.
- 1888.—John E. Jones, John K. Pollard. *Reserves*: W. R. Warnock, Andrew Coffman.
- 1892.—Wm. W. Wilson, James N. Gamble. *Reserves*: P. P. Mast, B. R. Cowen.

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LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

URBANA, O., September 4, 1891.

THE Cincinnati Lay Electoral Conference met at Grace Church, Urbana, Friday, September 4, 1891, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by J. F. Brand. Judge W. R. Warnock was selected as Chairman, and J. C. Harper as Secretary. The Secretary called the published roll of delegates as prepared by Rev. Jas. P. Porter and Rev. Stanley O. Royal, pastors of the First and Grace Methodist Episcopal Churches of Urbana. W. F. Boyd moved that the published roll be recognized as official, and that the alternates responding for absent delegates be recognized as delegates. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Judge Warnock opened the devotional exercises by reading the first Psalm, followed by singing hymn No. 798 in our Hymnal, led by W. P. Wiltsee. W. T. Perkins led in prayer.

The following delegates were present:

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Avondale.....W. A. Gamble.
Cheviot.....J. N. Gamble.

CINCINNATI—

Asbury.....J. W. Dale.
Camp Washington..Sam'l. DeWald.
Christie.....Thos. H. Curry.
Columbia.....Chas. Crapsey.
Fairmount.....J. A. Somermeier.
Finley.....Dr. W. G. Patterson.
McKendree....L. W. Ross.
Mt. Auburn.....G. M. Hammell.
Mt. Lookout.....Isaac Stevens.
Pearl Street.....Jas. McDonald.
Pendleton.....J. J. Newcomb.
Price Hill.....J. C. Harper.
St. John.....A. R. Pugh.
St. Paul.....W. F. Boyd.
Trinity.....Dr. D. D. Bramble.
Walnut Hills.....W. T. Perkins.
Wesley.....W. G. Roberts.
York Street.....Arthur A. Curme.
Ivanhoe.....E. W. Jewell.
Madisonville.....E. S. Emerson.
Norwood.....Dr. John Weyer.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Brandt.....J. S. Sloan.
Centerville.....Simpson Nutt.
Christiansburg.....Geo. W. Roberts.
Covington.....Dr. A. F. Schofield.

DAYTON—

Grace.....L. D. Reynolds.
Raper.....Jas. Hays, M. D.
St. Paul.....Thos. B. Hannah.
Trinity.....James Voris.
Fairfield.....John Hartley.
Germantown.....O. G. Brown..
Gordon.....Ezra Post.
Greenville.....A. N. Brewer.
Lewisburg.....Jacob Brown.
New Madison.....Jno. J. North.
New Paris.....Wm. Hawley.

PIQUA—

Grace.....Isaac C. Morris
Greene Street.....George E. Lee.
Tippecanoe.....Wm. Robbins.
Troy.....Wm. Scheibele.
Troy Circuit.....F. G. Mains.
West Elkton.....S. Shower.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Bethany.....L. Griffiths.
 Carthage.....Wm. H. Remley.
 Fair Haven.....James Gard.
 Franklin.....Ralph Parks.
 Glendale.....Thos. Myers.
 Hartwell.....W. P. Wiltsee.
 Lebanon.....T. H. Blake.
 Lebanon Circuit.....J. H. Munger.
 Lockland and Wyoming—

Philip Roettinger.

Mason.....W. N. Cox.
 Middletown.....W. H. Todhunter.
 Monroe.....Lou Griffis.
 Montgomery...Rev. E. B. Thompson.
 Oxford.....John Shera.
 Port Union.....D. C. Bright.
 Red Lion.....A. Boxwell.
 Seven Mile.....John Thomas.
 West Chester.....J. C. Philips.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Belfast.....S. E. Gore.
 Blanchester.....Rev. A. Curles.
 Clarksville.....S. S. Ross.
 Butlerville.....S. Jackson.
 Goshen.....Geo. W. Myers.
 Greenfield.....Rev. Robt. Story.
 HillsboroJ. L. West.
 Hillsboro Circuit.....D. M. Taylor.
 Morrow.....W. P. Harford.
 Leesburg.....Rev. M. Redkey.
 New Burlington.....Lewis Smith.
 Newtown.....H. L. Nelson.
 New Vienna and Lexington—

F. Woodmansee.

Rainsboro.....J. G. Redkey.
 Sabina.....Dr. M. Wilkerson.
 Union.....J. P. Barrows.
 Wilmington.....A. H. Haines.
 Waynesville.....Prof. J. C. Ridge.

RIPLEY DISTRICT.

Amelia.....B. F. Moyer.
 Batavia.....J. R. Woodlief.
 Chilo.....J. C. Waterfield.
 Decatur.....J. H. Wright.
 Felicity.....Price F. Fee.
 Laurel.....Geo. F. Armacost.
 Manchester.....W. T. Knox.
 Milford.....J. M. Pattison.
 Moscow.....Jas. McMath.
 Mt. Orab and Sardinia—

Rev. T. W. Williamson.

New Richmond.....E. Howis.
 Ripley.....Albert White.
 West Union.....H. C. Holmes.
 Williamsburg.....Jas. Ashton.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Catawba.....John Hodge.
 Cedarville.....Chas. W. Crouse.
 Dialton.....A. W. Mitchell.
 Jamestown.....J. Q. Adams.
 King's Creek.....Joseph Siders.
 Mechanicsburg.....R. D. Williams.
 Mutual.....W. R. Yocum.
 New Carlisle.....Isaac Miranda.
 New Moorefield.....S. S. Twishell.
 South Charleston.....W. H. Brown.
 South Charleston Circuit—

Wm. Woolsey.

SPRINGFIELD—Central...D. O. Myers.

Grace.....D. F. Huffman.

High Street.....E. G. Dial.

St. Paul.....P. P. Mast.

Tremont City (Westville)—

Simeon Taylor.

URBANA—

First Church.....W. R. Warnock.

Grace.....J. F. Brand.

XENIA—First Church..M. A. Fulton.

Trinity.....J. P. Chew.

Yellow Springs.....Lewis Cosler.

G. M. Hammell offered the following preamble and resolution, numerously signed, which were, on a rising vote, adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, is, and of right ought to be, duly and universally observed by the Christian Church as the Lord's-day, the sign and seal of the Church's loyalty to her head; and

WHEREAS, The Nation is a moral organism, whose laws are moral and like those that govern the individual; and

WHEREAS, The Nation is under obligations to recognize the supreme authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, by observing the Lord's-day; be it

Resolved, That the commissioners of the approaching Columbian Exposition at Chicago be, and by the adoption of this resolution are hereby, requested to close the gates of the fair on each and all Sundays which occur during the period of the Exposition. As Christian citizens, representative of forty-five thousand members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, we express not only our own sentiments, but those of our con-

stituency, and hereby pledge ourselves to such scrupulous observance of the Lord's-day as shall be a witness to the nations that we believe in the sovereignty of the Lord Jesus Christ.

W. T. Perkins presented the following petition, signed by ninety-two leading Methodists, which was read by the Secretary :

CINCINNATI, OHIO, August 25, 1891.

To the Electoral Conference of Laymen of the Cincinnati Annual Conference :

GENTLEMEN,—We, the undersigned laymen of the various Methodist Episcopal Churches in Cincinnati and vicinity, having heard of great benefit accruing to the Methodist Church elsewhere from annual conventions of laymen, and believing it will be to the interest of Methodism in the Cincinnati Conference to hold similar meetings, do hereby recommend to the Electoral Conference of Laymen to be held at Urbana, on Friday, September 4, 1891, for its favorable consideration, the advisability of constituting an annual Lay Conference, to be composed of one or two laymen from each charge within the bounds of the Cincinnati Annual Conference, the delegates to be elected annually by the several official boards of the Church; said Lay Conference to meet at such time and place, discuss such questions pertaining to Church-work, and transact such business as shall be determined by a plan of organization, with the view of increased usefulness to the Church at large and a closer union and mutual acquaintance among the members throughout the Conference.

Upon the motion of Brother Perkins, a Committee of one delegate from each presiding elder's district was appointed to consider and report upon the petition as follows:

J. W. Dale, Cincinnati Dist.
L. D. Reynolds, Dayton Dist.
W. H. Todhunter, Hamilton Dist.

Rev. M. Redkey, Hillsboro Dist.
Price F. Fee, Ripley Dist.
Judge E. G. Dial, Springfield Dist.

Drs. Starr, Bail, and Pearne, on behalf of the Annual Conference, were introduced and spoke briefly, inviting the Lay Electoral Conference to visit that body this afternoon.

L. D. Reynolds moved that we return to them our fraternal greetings and accept their invitation for 2.30 P. M., which was adopted.

J. F. Brand moved that we proceed to ballot for two lay delegates to the General Conference, to be held at Omaha next May, without nominations; each ballot to contain two names, a majority of all voting to be necessary to an election.

A. A. Curme moved to amend by permitting nominating speeches not to exceed five minutes. The amendment was adopted, and the original motion as amended was thereupon adopted.

On the motion of W. P. Wiltsee, two judges and two tellers were appointed by the chair, to wit: W. P. Wiltsee and J. N. Gamble, judges; and J. F. Brand and W. G. Roberts, tellers.

Thereupon the names to be balloted for as delegates to the General Conference were presented as follows: Jesse R. Clark, by A. R. Pugh; Jas. N. Gamble, by G. M. Hammell; Wm. W. Wilson, by J. F. Brand;

Thos. B. Hannah, by Jas. Voris; David M. Taylor, by Rev. T. W. Williamson; P. P. Mast, by Judge E. G. Dial; Chas. F. Gunkel, by W. H. Todhunter; Wm. F. Boyd, by J. C. Harper; Benj. R. Cowen, by W. T. Perkins; and Philip Roettinger, by W. P. Wiltsee.

Adjourned to 1.30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 1.30 P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Jesse R. Clark thanked his friends for presenting his name for General Conference delegate, but desired leave to withdraw. Brother Pugh, who had presented his name, declined to give his consent. The nominations were, upon motion, closed.

W. H. Todhunter moved that the order of business be suspended to take up a motion which he desired to present, favoring the admission of women as lay delegates in the General Conference.

On motion of R. Story, the motion to suspend the order of business was laid on the table.

O. G. Brown stated that he had desired to present a name to be balloted for as delegate to the General Conference, and, on motion, the action closing the nominations was reconsidered, and Brother Brown thereupon presented the name of L. D. Reynolds.

At the request of Brother Gamble, the chair excused him from service as one of the judges, and appointed George E. Lee in his stead.

There being no further nominations, the Conference proceeded to ballot.

While the tellers were out, Rev. D. H. Moore, D. D., presented the cause of the *Western Christian Advocate*.

Brother Curme moved that Judge Warnock be the spokesman of the Lay Electoral Conference on the occasion of our visit to the Annual Conference this afternoon. Adopted.

W. H. Todhunter presented the following memorial,—

URBANA, OHIO, September 4, 1891.

To the Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

DEAR BRETHREN,—The Cincinnati Electoral Conference respectfully petition your honorable body to formulate and recommend for the action of the Church some plan by which the laity shall be granted equal representation with the clergy in the General Conference,—

Which was unanimously adopted; and, on motion of W. T. Perkins, our delegates to the General Conference were instructed to present the same to the next General Conference.

Thereupon the delegates proceeded to the Annual Conference, in session at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and were welcomed by Bishop R. S. Foster, to which Judge Warnock responded on behalf of the delegates.

At 3.30 o'clock the delegates returned to Grace Methodist Episcopal Church and resumed their business. The tellers announced the result of the first ballot. Total number of ballots, 114; necessary to choice, 58.

FIRST BALLOT.—W. W. Wilson, 55; B. R. Cowen, 30; P. P. Mast, 26; J. N. Gamble, 24; Philip Roettinger, 24; C. F. Gunckel, 16; Jesse R. Clark, 13; L. D. Reynolds, 11; W. F. Boyd, 10; D. M. Taylor, 8; T. B. Hannah, 6; Wm. R. Warnock, 3; H. G. Marshall, 1; G. H. Phillips, 1.

No one having received the requisite number of votes, a new ballot was ordered, and it was determined that all receiving less than ten votes on any subsequent ballot be dropped.

The second ballot having been taken, the tellers retired. J. W. Dale presented the following report on the subject of an Annual Lay Conference, which was read, discussed, and adopted:

URBANA, OHIO, September 4, 1891.

To the President and Members of the Lay Electoral Conference:

BRETHREN,—Your Committee unanimously favor the suggestion for an annual delegated Conference of laymen contained in the memorial presented to your body at the morning session, and referred to us for consideration—the object being to acquaint the membership with the ecclesiastical polity of our Church and the structure and bearing of its economy, Conference and local work, promote more general and increased usefulness of the members, and a more intimate mutual acquaintance of active workers among the laity throughout the bounds of our Conference.

Your Committee, however, recognize the difficulty of formulating and organizing so vast and important a department of instructive and co-operative work in the very few minutes allotted to us. We therefore recommend that a Committee of five, residing in the Cincinnati District and one in each of the other districts be selected, with instruction and authority to prepare a plan of organization before January 1, 1892, and as an Executive Committee, provide for elections (in accord therewith) of members of the first annual meeting of such delegated Lay Conference, to be held not later than the month of May following, and prepare a program of its exercises, to which first Conference the plan of organization shall be presented for revision and adoption.

J. W. DALE,	E. G. DIAL,	} Committee.
L. M. REDKEY,	L. D. REYNOLDS,	
W. H. TODHUNTER,	PRICE F. FEE,	

The Conference selected the following persons as the Committee:

Wm. E. Brooks, W. F. Boyd, B. R. Cowen, Jas. N. Gamble, Jesse R. Clark, Cincinnati District; Ezra Post, Dayton District; Philip Roettinger, Hamilton District; M. Redkey, Hillsboro District; J. R. Woodlief, Ripley District; W. R. Warnock, Springfield District.

The Secretary was instructed to consult with the Cincinnati members, and call a meeting of the Committee at such time and place as may be found convenient.

W. H. Todhunter offered the following resolution, which was seconded:

Resolved, by the Cincinnati Lay Electoral Conference, That this body declares itself in favor of the admission of women with full power of lay

delegates, and of equal lay and clerical representation in the General Conference, and instructs its delegates to cast their influence and votes to secure such legislation as will bring about these ends.

R. Story moved to lay the resolution on the table, which motion was put and lost. A rising vote was taken on the adoption of Brother Todhunter's resolution, which was carried—63 for, and 41 against.

A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered the citizens of Urbana for their kindly and courteous entertainment of the delegates, and to the officers of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church for the use of the Church and the provisions made to facilitate the transaction of the business of the Conference.

The thanks of the Conference were also tendered to the Chairman Judge Warnock, and to the Secretary, J. C. Harper, for the satisfactory discharge of their duties respectively.

On motion of Brother Perkins, a collection was thereupon taken up for the benefit of the sexton of the church.

Dr. A. J. Kynett was introduced by the Chairman, and spoke in behalf of the work of the Church Extension Society.

The tellers returned, and reported 116 votes cast; necessary to choice, 59. Result as follows: Wilson, 70; Gambie, 36; Cowen, 31; Mast, 25; Roettinger, 20; Boyd, 12; Gunckel, 11; and six others were voted for, who were dropped under the rule.

Wm. W. Wilson, having received more than a majority of the votes, was declared elected.

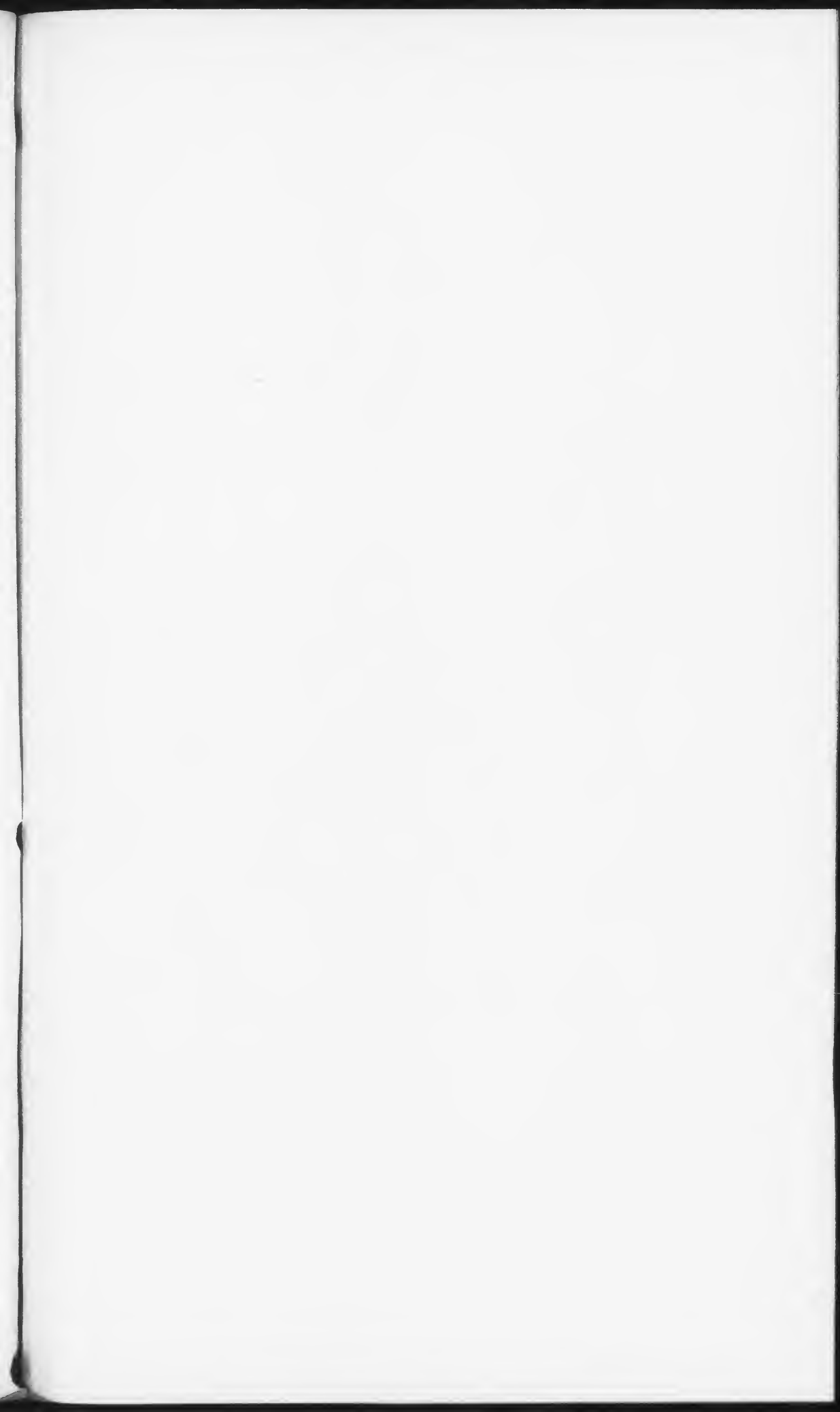
Brother Perkins withdrew the name of B. R. Cowen, Brother Todhunter of C. F. Gunckel, and Judge Dial of P. P. Mast.

A third ballot was taken, and the tellers retired, but returned in a few minutes and reported that 114 ballots had been cast; necessary to choice, 58, of which Jas. N. Gamble had received 78; P. Roettinger, 19; W. F. Boyd, 17. Jas. N. Gamble was declared elected.

Phineas P. Mast and Benj. R. Cowen were chosen as alternates.

Adjourned.

J. C. HARPER, SECRETARY.





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